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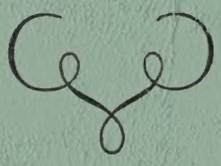

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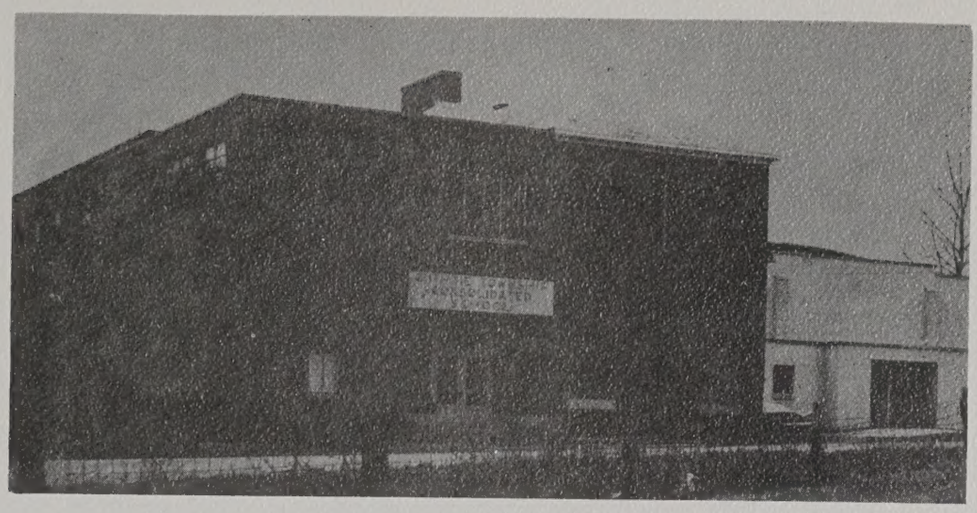

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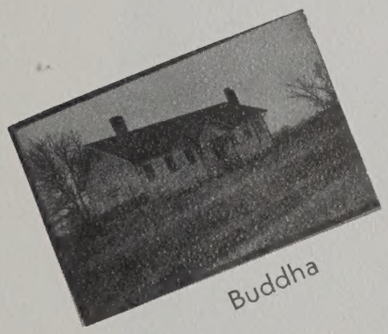

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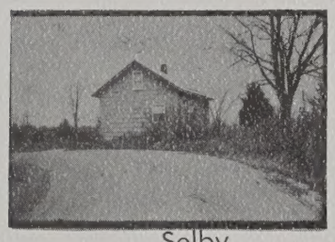

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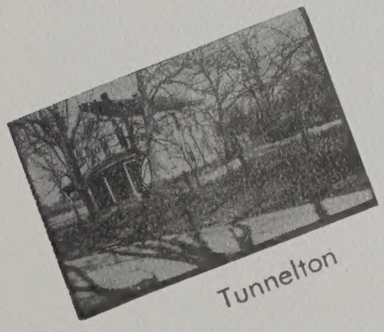

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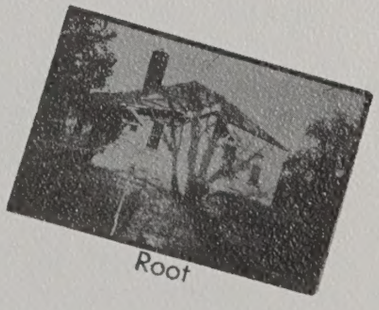

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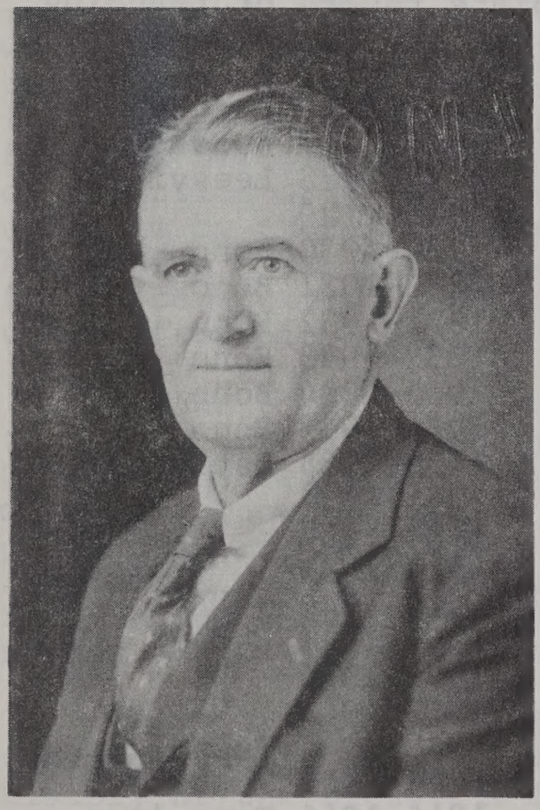
PREFACE

The author of this history of the Guthrie Township Schools spent many months collecting and assembling the data contained herein. It is representative of the type of work he did as a hobby and the information is of general interest to many residents of the community. Many who helped furnish the information have expressed an interest in the orginal copy. In view of these facts, it seems to us, his immediate heirs, that the publication of this booklet is warranted. This printing will preserve the information for future reference and make it available to those who wish a copy.

It is our intention that this publication be considered as a memorial to him and it seems appropriate to include the following facts concerning his life.

IN MEMORIAM



Melvin Ezra Allen, our uncle, was born on February 23, 1881 and passed away on July 31, 1961 at the age of eighty years. He was the youngest son of James Madison Allen and Rebecca Day Allen who lived on a farm three miles north of Tunnelton. At the age of eighteen, after completing a short term at the Mitchell Normal School, he began a long career of teaching in the public schools, most of which were schools of Lawrence County.

After the death of his father in 1901, his older brother and our father, Cyrus E. Allen, continued to operate the farm. Ezra was able to help with the work when school was not in session. This arrangement continued after the marriage of our father to Clemma Crawford in 1902.

Ezra remained a bachelor, a fact of which he seemed quite proud, and continued to make his home with us on the farm when he was not boarding out near his school during the school term. Some schools in which he taught, even though in the township, were too far away to walk or commute daily by horse and buggy.

We all left the farm in 1919 and moved into the hotel building in Tunnelton. Later in 1929 when we purchased property on Main Street in Tunnelton, he continued to live at the hotel, renting rooms from the new tenants. However, in 1932 he bought and remodeled the house on Lot # 5 adjoining ours on the west where he spent the remaining years of his life.

More modern transportation methods made schools more accessible. Even methods of teaching began to change with the times. Ezra was an individualist who had his own style of teaching and was not one who could be persuaded easily to change. Many a Course of Study provided by the County Supt. collected dust on a shelf if it were saved at all. He was a good teacher, a rather strict disciplinarian and well respected by his pupils.

He retired twice from the profession. In 1935 he decided to quit teaching and make expenses by barbering, a profession he had begun as a hobby. During the years of World War II when teachers were needed, he returned to teaching but the schools seemed to have changed too much for him to be contented. His retirement in 1948 could be considered as bringing an end to an era of the so-called "old school" in the teaching profession. His complete record of teaching is as follows:

1898-1899	Tunnel Hill
1899-1900	Fostoria
1900-1901	Shiloh
1901-1902	Indian Creek Township
1902-1903	
1903-1904	Indian Creek Township
1904-1905	Indian Creek Township
1905-1906	Pinhook
1906-1907	Selby
1907-1908	Pinhook
1908-1909	Pinhook
1909-1910	Shiloh
1910-1911	Supai, Arizona
1911-1912	Fairview
1912-1913	Fairview
1913-1914	Selby
1914-1915	Fairview
1915-1916	Ft. Ritner
1916-1917	Shiloh
1917-1918	Shiloh
1918-1919	Shiloh
1919-1920	Tunnelton
1920-1921	Tunnelton
1921-1922	Tunnelton
1922-1923	Tunnelton
1923-1924	Tunnelton
1924-1925	Tunnelton
1925-1926	Buddha
1926-1927	Buddha
1927-1928	Leesville
1928-1929	
1929-1930	Bono
1930-1931	Bono
1931-1932	Bono
1932-1933	Bono
1933-1934	Bono
1934-1935	Bono
1935-1936	Retired
1936-1937	"
1937-1938	"
1938-1939	"
1939-1940	"
1940-1941	"
1941-1942	",
1942-1943	"
1943-1944	Tunnelton
1944-1945	Tunnelton
1945-1946	Tunnelton
1946-1947	Tunnelton
1947-1948	Tunnelton
1948	Retired

All of the above schools were within Lawrence County with one exception. In 1910 he went to Arizona and taught a school on an Indian Reservation in that state.

In his retirement years he did many things for his own enjoyment. His hobbies were many. Usually he pursued only one at a time and he was very thorough in anything he attempted. This history of the Guthrie Township Schools is one example of this. However, one of his first and most extensive projects was the compilation of a genealogy of the family of John Allen, his great-grandfather. A condensed form of this work was published in the Bedford Daily Mail in the issue of Friday, September 10, 1937. It might have been possible to have published the completed work had the final edited copy been found at the time of his death. The copy completed prior to his final editing will be placed in the State Genealogical Library at Indianapolis for future reference. He compiled shorter and less extensive genealogies of the Crawford, Speer, Flinn and Guthrie Families. These shall be left with the State Library if considered of sufficient value, unless another method of disposition seems practicable.

He was a member of the Pinhook Christian Church and during the last several years he had been interested in the care and maintenance of the Pinhook Cemetery. He was instrumental in starting a fund for perpetual care of the cemetery and worked toward securing contributions to this worthy cause. He was very generous in the financial support of the project himself even to the extent of providing a final donation in his last will and testament. The Board of Directors of the Association had recognized his contribution and dedication to this project and had honored him by presenting him a plaque a few years before his death. This plaque was to be placed on his monument in the cemetery but, at his request, it was not installed until after his death.

At one time he became interested in the identification of plants, particularly weeds and grasses of Lawrence County. He read widely on this subject and corresponded with well known botanists in the state. He finally compiled this information in a large volume in which he listed the common name, the botanical name, and other pertinent information concerning all weeds, grasses, and shrubs which he was able to identify.

He was a member of the State Historical Society and read its publications with interest. He wrote a short history of the Leesville Settlement in Lawrence County and emphasized the part Granny White played in its history. He read widely and had no use whatever for television as a means of education, entertainment, or otherwise. As he was reading magazines and papers, he often clipped articles and placed them in his files for future reference. Some of these he retyped and assembled in a book which he titled "Memory Gems, Wise and Otherwise."

Many of these clippings reflect his ideas of the philosophy of education or life in general as he saw it. It seems fitting to reprint two or three of these and include them in this tribute to his teaching and philosophy.

METHOD MADNESS

Miss Brown's a little teacher
Who struggles, day by day,
Imparting facts to children
The Ultra Modern way.

She knows the Latest Methods,
Is very up-to-date
And even "Moderation"
She can elucidate.

She knows the Project Method
So very, very well,
She even makes a "project"
In teaching them to spell.

She gauges "mental ages"
By every Binet Test,
And follows great "activity"
By periods of "rest."

They have their Silent Reading
And Formal Reading next;
"Impressions" get in History
And "context" from the text.

She teaches- and she teaches-
While they supinely sit;
Then presently promotes them-
They surely MUST be fit!

The person next who gets them
Wild Expletives doth fling;
For tho' they are so well, well taught,
They haven't LEARNED a thing!

SCHOOL STATIC

"Dear children", said the teacher,
"We first will spend an hour
Considering the program entitled 'Eat More Flour;'
And after that is finished
A speaker will present
Some arguments for owning homes,
Instead of paying rent.
The monitors will give each child
A handsome little gift
Consisting of a circular on savings banks and thrift;
Then comes an essay contest--
The subject for today
Is 'Why I Think My Mother Should Use Cosmetic Clay'.

This afternoon the pupils
Will see a movie show
That makes it plain why they require stewed prunes to make them grow.
The prune trust made the pictures
And gave them to us free,
Wherefore let us rise and sing 'Sweet Land of Liberty'.
Some other vital subjects
We'll take up fire prevention for half an hour or so.
A handsome safety button
Will cost each child a dime-
And we may have reading class if there is any time."

Another of the clippings which was written in the present tense in his booklet of Memory Gems has been modified here to read in the past as a final word of tribute to him and his profession.

I WAS ONLY A SCHOOL TEACHER

I was only a school teacher and wrote no poems to thrill men's hearts; sang no songs to lift men's souls; no skills did I have in halls of state; nor did I lead soldiers on parade. I was usually poorly paid, frequently pitied, but seldom envied. No newspapers exalted my name and I never was mentioned for Presidential citations. HOWEVER, I was the master craftsman of the fates and souls of the United States. I was entrusted with the most precious wealth of the world--the MINDS and PERSONALITIES of enthusiastic boys and girls. I was responsible for the guidance and inspiration of YOUNG AMERICANS so each would be developed morally, physically, mentally, and spiritually. I was entrusted with the foundations of mankind and the concepts of civilization toward God, Country, self and fellow comrades. If I had failed in my duty, the minds and hearts of America's children would have become warped and twisted.

I was only a school teacher but I was the pilot of immature men and women whose minds and souls had to be molded and envisioned so that each would be the master of his own fate. I was in contact with all kinds of personalities. Some of these were good, others bad; poor, rich, weak and strong. I could not ignore youthful whims, smiles, tears and joys because all were part of the infinite plan. However, I could guide and encourage YOUNG AMERICANS to seize every opportunity to act for those things that would enrich and ennoble their lives.

YES, I was only a school teacher but I shared my life within the hearts of young boys and girls as a builder of mankind. I recognized within the groups where I just taught school, poets, soldiers and statesmen strong. I appreciated the significance of my duties and the blessings that came from creating superior citizenship and scholarship.

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EARLY COUNTY HISTORY

In the early day, the counties of the state were much larger than they are at the present time. Most of these early counties contained so much territory that they were later cut up into five to ten or more counties as the population increased and the need of such divisions became evident.

Two of the earliest counties organized in the state were Knox and Clarke. Most all of the southern part of the state was included in these two counties. Prior to 1809 the western part of what is known as Lawrence County was included within the boundaries of Knox County and the eastern half formed a part of Clarke County.

In 1809 Harrison County was organized and it included the eastern half of what is now Lawrence County. In 1814 Washington County was organized, and it included practically all of Lawrence County. In 1815 Orange County was set apart, and it took over what today is Lawrence County.

On January 7, 1818, Lawrence County was organized as a separate county, and it became its present size except for a strip two miles wide all along the eastern side, which was then a part of Jackson County. The people living in this two-mile strip petitioned the legislature that this strip be annexed to and form a part of Lawrence County. On January 1, 1823, the legislature granted their request and Lawrence County became its present size. On May 25, 1818, the town of Palestine was laid out and established as the county seat of the county. Because of unhealthy conditions, Palestine was abandoned as the county seat on March 30, 1825, and relocated at Bedford.

Some of the other early towns of the county and the dates on which they were laid out are as follows: Bono April 4, 1816; Leesville June 19, 1818; Springville July 11, 1832; Bryantsville May 28, 1835; Lawrenceport May 17, 1837; Fayetteville February 6, 1838; Heltonville September 8, 1845; Mitchell September 29, 1853; Silverville July 26, 1855; Ft. Ritner May 29, 1857; Tunnelton April 28, 1859.

When first organized in 1818, Lawrence County was divided into five townships. These five first townships were Bono, Spice Valley, Shawswick, Pleasant Run, and Indian Creek. Later five other townships were formed out of portions of the original five. Possible the first of these later organized townships was Flinn Township, which was formed in 1823.

The boundaries of Flinn Township as first laid out were as follows: beginning at a point six miles due south of the northeast corner of the county; thence due west five miles; thence due south to the Bono Township line; thence east to the Jackson County line; thence due north to the place of beginning. Flinn Township as originally laid out was five miles east and west and nine miles north and south. Much of the land around what later became Ft. Ritner was included in Flinn Township. At about the same time Flinn Township was organized Perry Township was set apart as a separate township. Marion Township was established in 1826, followed by Marshall in 1855. The last township to be formed was Guthrie, which was formed in 1866. It was formed largely out of the southern part of Flinn Township, but some portions of the original Bono and Shawswick Townships were included within its boundaries. The formation of Guthrie Township left Flinn Township as a perfect rectangle, which was five miles east and west and six miles north and south. In 1910 the people of Flinn Township petitioned the county commissioners to abolish their township.

At their January meeting in 1911, the county commissioners granted their request, and gave a strip two miles wide all along the western side to Shawswick Township. Of the remaining strip three miles wide on the eastern side, two miles off the north was given to Pleasant Run Township, and the remaining south four miles were annexed to Guthrie Township.

Guthrie Township has the honor of entertaining the first two ministers of Lawrence County. The first of these was Thomas Milligan, who was born near Dublin, Ireland in 1769. Early in life, he came to America with his brother, Gilbert, and sister, Margaret, and settled in Buncombe County, N. C. Thomas became an earnest and active Christian, joining the Methodist Church, in which he was ordained as a minister in 1798. From 1798 to 1809 he served as traveling minister to these localities, Clinch Valley, Powell Valley, Carters Valley, New River District, and Wautauga, all located in N. C. He went on horseback over miles and miles of mountain trails in order to reach these communities. He was a circuit rider of the old school.

In 1809 he was married to Margaret Christian, and left N. C. and settled on the Holston River near Kingston, Tennessee. From 1809 to 1815 he served as minister to several localities in Tennessee.

In 1815 he left Tennessee, and settled near the locality that later became Tunnelton. At this time there were no church

buildings, so he held services in the homes of the early settlers. Some of the families with whom he worshiped were the Guthries, Flinns, Becks, Conleys, Brittons, and Barnhills. He not only held services in the homes of his neighbors, but often journeyed to the adjoining counties to spread the Gospel.

In 1827 he purchased 260 acres of land north and east of what later became Tunnelton. Tunnelton was laid out on a portion of the land which he at one time owned. The Milligan home was a hewn log house that stood on the present site of the Hobson Crane Home as of 1956. Thomas lived here until his death which occured in 1854. Thomas, his wife, Margaret, and his two daughters, Caroline and Elizabeth are all buried in the Tunnelton Cemetery. No doubt but that Thomas Milligan laid out the original Tunnelton Cemetery.

His oldest daughter, Caroline, was married to George Roberts, a nephew of Bishop Roberts of Lawrenceport. The youngest daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Isaac Newkirk. After the death of Thomas Milligan, his estate fell into the hands of Isaac Newkirk, who laid out the town of Tunnelton in 1859.

Isaac Newkirk was born April 20, 1822 and died on February 29, 1892. During the Civil War, he was Captain of Company G of the 4th Ind. Cavalry. Later in life, he was twice elected as sheriff of Lawrence County. Isaac Newkirk married Elizabeth Jane Milligan, who was the youngest child of Thomas Milligan. To this union were born two girls, Louisa G. and Mary E. Newkirk.

Mary E. Newkirk was married to Isaac Crim on October 25, 1866. To this union were born two girls, Carrie and Lula Crim. Carrie married Jesse M. Winstanley on January 16, 1889 and Lula became the wife of Charles E. Francis on December 14, 1898. Louisa G. Newkirk was married to George R. Green on September 23, 1875.

Isaac H. Crim born January 1, 1842 in Martin County. Carrie Crim was born August 15, 1867. Lula Crim was born December 2, 1868. Isaac Crim served in Company G of the 14th regiment Ind. volunteers during the Civil War. From 1878 to 1886 he served as auditor of Lawrence County. During his later years he was known as the "Grand Old Man of Bedford." He lived to be in his 90's. Ike Crim served also as Clerk of the County from 1892 to 1900.

The second of these early ministers was Ambrose Carlton, who landed near the present site of the Carlton Cemetery on December 24, 1816. His first home was a log building that stood in what is now the Carlton Cemetery. Ambrose Carlton (1764-1832) was married to Mary Montgomery in 1788. Like Milligan he held services in his home and the homes of his neighbors. Later he built himself a more commodious brick house. One room of this house was very large, and he held services once a month in this large room. This house in the later days was known as the old Sheeks place. Robert Shaff owns and lives in this house at the present time, 1956.

As well as serving as minister, Mr. Carlton served as one of the first commissioners of Lawrence County. A son, Robert M. Carlton, came with his parents to Lawrence County. In 1821 this son was married to Levina Barlow, and they reared a family of six children, five of whom were Ambrose, William, James, Robert H., and Maria L. Huston, Robert M. Carlton and all his sons took part in all civic activities during the early years of the county. Some were elected to state and county offices. Ambrose Carlton started the Baptist faith in this community and this faith is still active today.

Possibly the first church building erected in the township was the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, which was erected in 1844 on the site of the Kenneth Haws home as of 1956. In 1837 a Baptist Church was built about three miles southeast of Leesville. This was known as the Brown Meeting House. However, this building was not located in the original Guthrie Township.

Church services in the earliest times were held in the homes of the settlers, and later in the school houses that had been built. The author can remember of attending church services in at least three of these school buildings; namely, Selby, Ditney, and Denniston. These early school buildings frequently served as the meeting place of fraternal organizations.

The erection of church buildings began shortly after the Civil War. However, the Guthrie Creek Baptist Church, 2½ miles north of Leesville, was built in 1820.

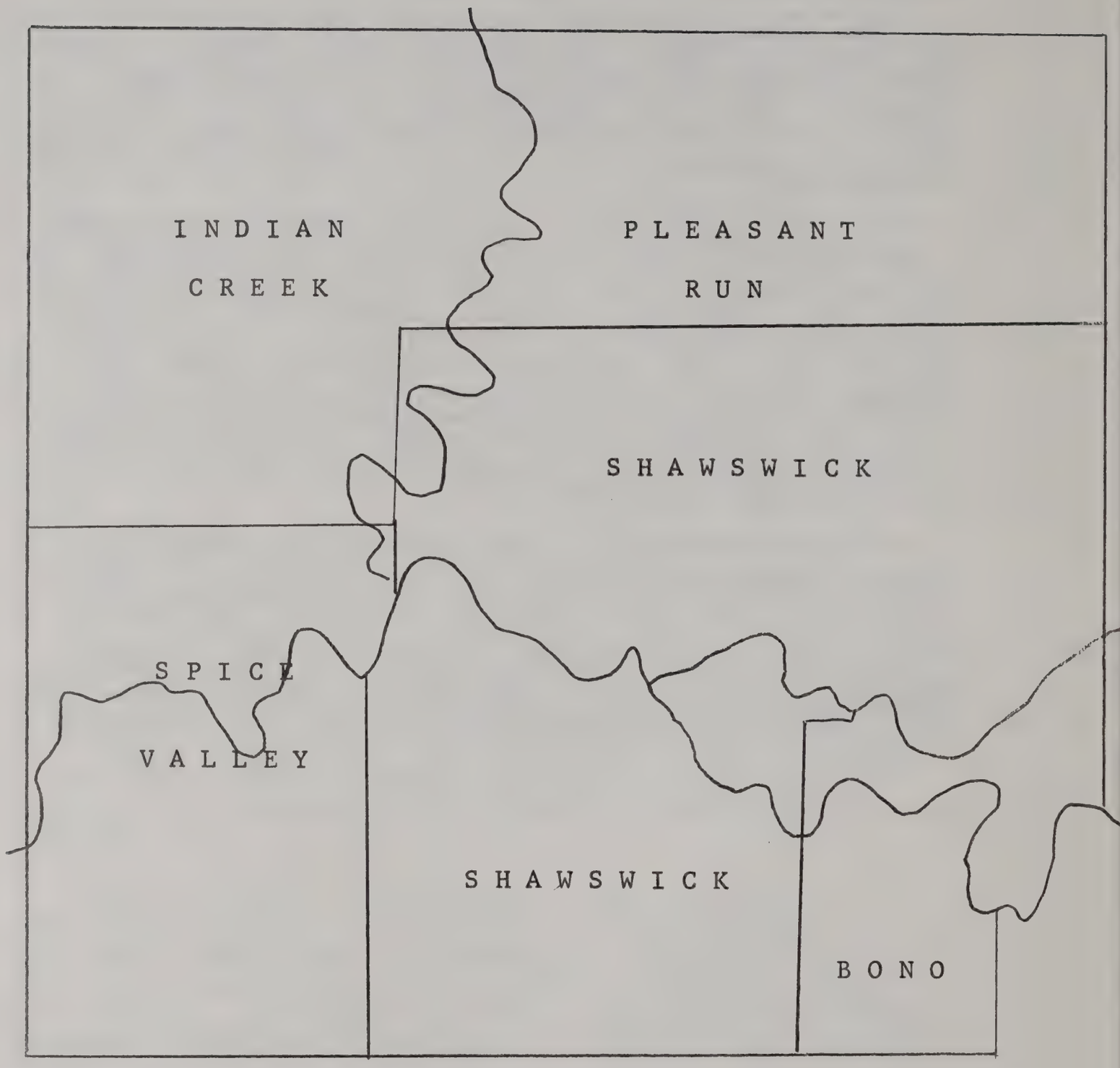
The townships as they appeared in 1818 when Lawrence County was the first organized are shown on Map A. Just previous to 1818 Lawrence County was included as a part of Orange County. Bono Township had been organized as a township in Orange County before Lawrence was set apart as a separate County. In

organizing the county the commissioners added four more townships to Bono.

The townships as they appeared in 1823 showing the two new townships of Perry and Flinn are shown on Map B. When Marion Township was formed out of the southern part of Shawswick Township in 1826, the western boundary of Bono Township was extended one mile farther west. About all the townships except Perry have had their boundary lines changed at some time.

Guthrie Township was organized in 1866. It was formed from three miles off of the south end of Flinn Township; and that portion of Bono Township that was north of White River, and a portion of Shawswick Township that was between the lower course of Guthrie Creek and White River. Guthrie was the last of the townships to be organized. The townships as they appeared in 1866 are shown on Map C. Bono Township was organized during the years in which Lawrence County was included in Orange County. When Marion Township was organized, the western boundary of Bono Township was moved one mile to the west.

In 1910 the people of Flinn Township petitioned the county commissioners to abolish their township. At their January meeting in 1911, they gave a strip two miles wide along the western side to Shawswick Township. Of the remaining strip four miles wide on the east side, they gave two miles on the north end to Pleasant Run Township and the remaining south four miles was annexed to Guthrie Township. The townships as they appeared in 1911 are shown on Map D.

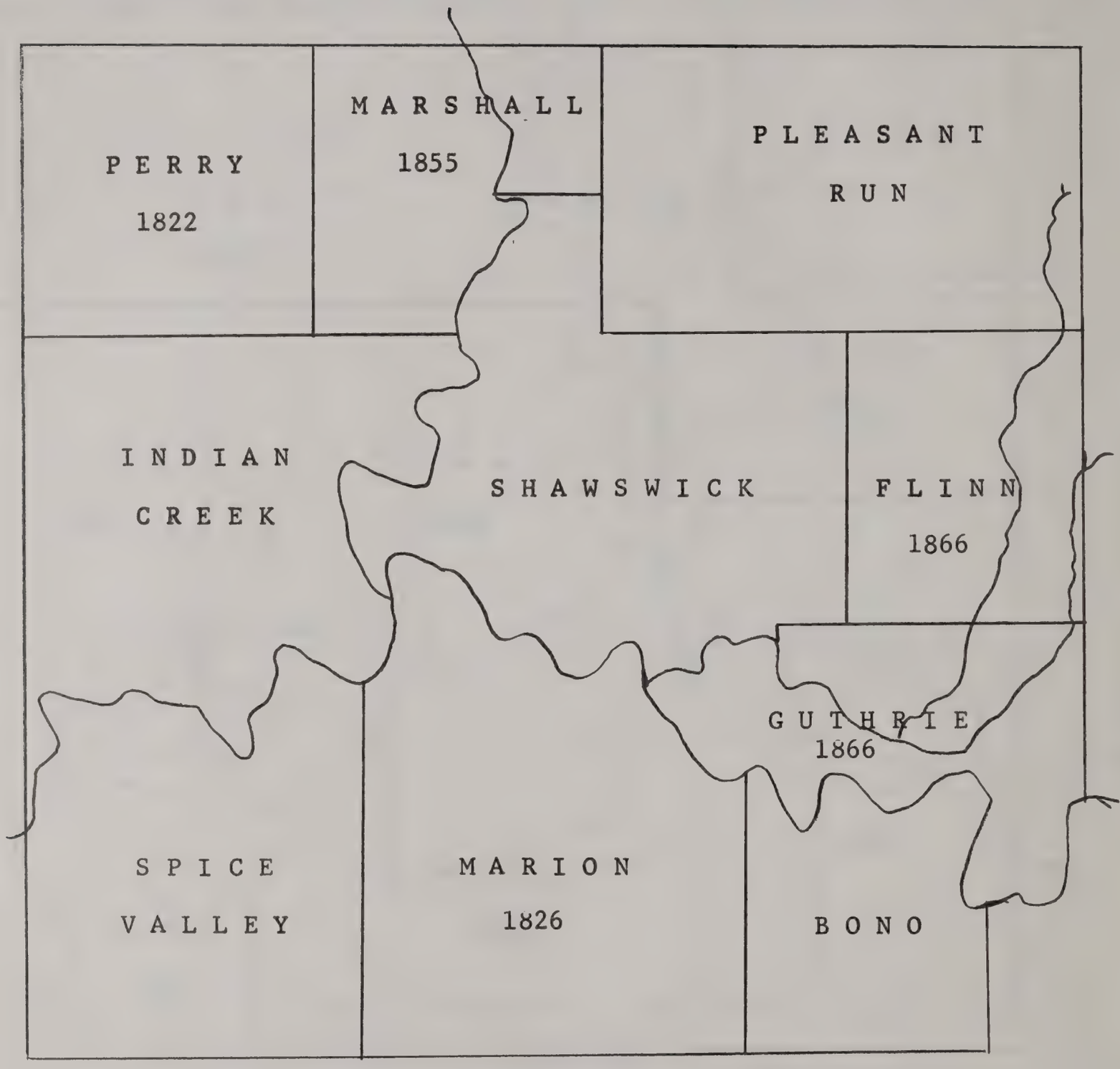


MAP A

The Townships of Lawrence County as they appeared in 1818 when the county was first organized

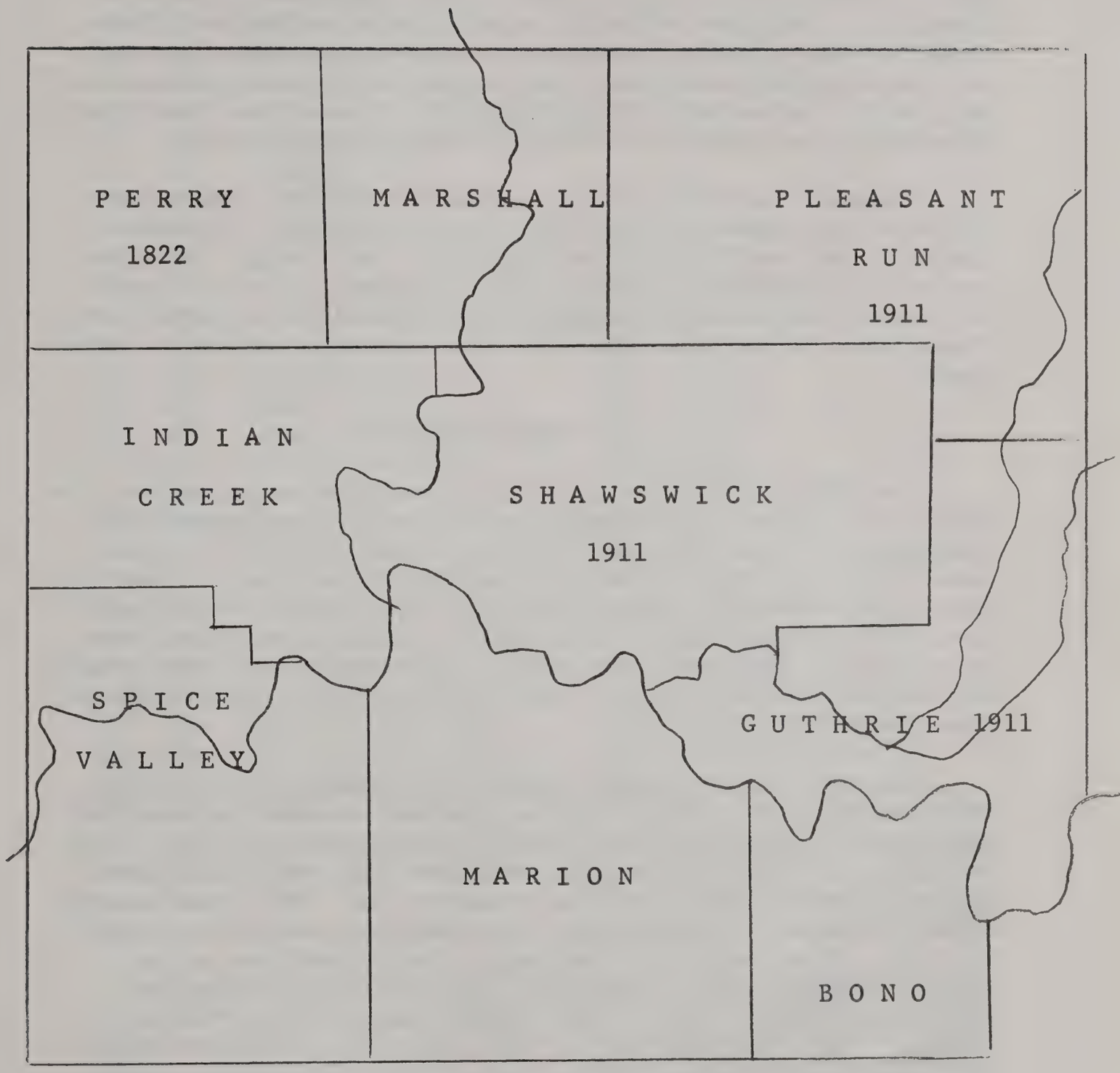
MAP B

The Townships of Lawrence County as they appeared in 1823 showing the two new townships, Perry and Flinn



MAP C

The Townships of Lawrence County as they appeared in 1866 after Guthrie Township was organized



MAP D

The Townships of Lawrence County as they appeared in 1911 after Flinn Township was abolished

EARLY HISTORY OF SCHOOLS IN GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP

An attempt has been made to compile the most important facts and reconstruct the records of teachers which were connected with the history of each school operated in Guthrie Township. Very few official records were available. Where records were lacking, information was obtained from as reliable sources as possible. Many people were contacted personally or by letter and the information obtained was invaluable in checking and substantiating the reports of others.

Inasmuch as the lists of teachers of these early years in the histories were compiled from the memory of former teachers and pupils of these schools, there might be a few errors in the dates of some of the teachers. But all names and dates have been corroborated by three or more pupils of these schools, so I believe that the chance of error is rather remote.

TUNNELTON SCHOOLS

The first school to serve the Tunnelton vicinity was the Mount Zion School. The land for this school was deeded by Cranston and Jane Evaline Dodds on August 20, 1855. This acre of ground was in the N.E. quarter of section 13 town 4 north range 1 east. This land was just slightly south and west of the Bundy Rock. This school building was also used as a church, and once every month the Masonic fraternity held their meetings there. The deed for this land is recorded in deed book R on page 436.

The Mount Zion school served the community until about 1881. On March 17, 1880, Alfred Guthrie deeded the land for the second school building for the Tunnelton locality. This building was just scross the road from the east end of Main Street. This house is at the present time, 1956, the home of Robert Collier. The deed for this land is recorded in deed book No. 12 on page 77. The Mount Zion school was a one teacher school, but at the time of its establishment or shortly afterward this second school became a two-teacher school. This building served the locality until 1910, when the third building was built just at the north edge of the town. Little or nothing is known of the teachers of the Mount Zion School, but following is a list of the teachers that taught in this second building and the years in which they taught. For a few of the years some of the names are missing because no one remembered who the teachers were for

those years.

Teachers of the Second Tunnelton School

	Principal	Primary	
1883-1884	Ben Maxwell	Lottie Lotspeck	
1884-1885	Charles Marion	Jennie Marion (his wife)	
1885-1886	John Bair	Annie Terrell	
1886-1887	John Bair	Emma Box	
1887-1888	John Bair		
1888-1889	John Bair		
1889-1890	J. R. Kent	Dot Murphy	
1890-1891	J. R. Kent	Josie Dixon	
1891-1892	J. R. Kent	Cora Allen	
1892-1893	J. R. Kent	Carrie Guthrie	
1893-1894	A. B. Guthrie	Arie Robertson	
1894-1895	Geo. T. Crandall	Arie Robertson	
1895-1896	John W. Harris	Belle Newby	
1896-1897	John W. Harris	Belle Newby	
1897-1898	John W. Harris	Belle Newby	
1898-1899	John W. Harris	Belle Newby	
1899-1900	John W. Harris	Florence Mitchell	
1900-1901	John W. Harris	Della Guthrie	
1901-1902	O. E. Dixon	Mary Day	
1902-1903	O. E. Dixon	Ella White	
1903-1904	O. E. Dixon	Nellie Standiford	
1904-1905	O. E. Dixon	Nellie Standiford	
1905-1906	W. C. Roberts	Carrie Allen	
1906-1907	W. C. Roberts	Nellie Fitzgibbons	
1907-1908	Nellie Standiford	Nellie Fitzgibbons	
1908-1909	Nellie Standiford	Nellie Fitzgibbons	
1909-1910	Torrence Guthrie	Efa Mahorney	
1910-1911	Torrence Guthrie	Efa Mahorney	These 8
1911-1912	Elizabeth Standiford	Gladys Richards	teachers
1912-1913	Elizabeth Standiford	Gladys Richards	taught in
1913-1914	Carrie Allen	Gladys Richards	the new building

The last seven teachers above were not principals, but just grade teachers. In 1907-1908 Tunnelton became a three-teacher school. This year marks the beginning of the High School. During this year W. C. Roberts taught the seventh, eighth and freshmen year of High School in the frame annex building of the Wilcox store. During the year this building burned, and he finished the term in the classroom of the M. E. Church. In 1908-1909 he taught the eighth, freshmen, and sophomore years in the same building.

In 1909-1910 C. E. Crawford taught the freshmen,

sophomore, and junior year in the same building. In 1901-1911 all pupils were transferred to the new building at the north edge of town and Jesse Wood and Alice Cornwell taught the four years of High School. In 1911-1912 Ralph Wood and Alice Cornwell taught in the High School. The next two terms of High School, 1912-1913 and 1913-1914 were taught by Ralph Wood and Olive Johnson. The later high school and grade teachers are listed by years toward the end of this booklet.

The Third Tunnelton School Building

On June 22, 1910, Frank A. and Lillie M. Collyer of Kentucky sold to Guthrie Township for $200 two acres more or less to be used for school purposes. These two acres were in a portion of section 19, town 4 north, range 2 east. These two acres were just outside the north-east corner of the town. A complete description of this land may be found in deed book No. 59 on page 354.

The school building erected on this two acres was a four-room building with two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs with a full basement. This building was built during the administration of Andy Dodds as trustee.

Owing to bringing children from other schools into Tunnelton, this building became very crowded, and in 1930 an addition was built on to the west side of this building. Some time previous to this a few more acres had been added to the grounds on the west side. The addition made in 1930 had five classrooms on the upper floor. The entire lower floor was used as a gymnasium. The building added in 1930, was added during the term of Fred Crane as trustee.

Owing to the abandonment of more schools within the township, this building became crowded again, and in 1950, during the term of Oscar Guthrie as trustee, a few more small rooms and modern rest rooms were added to the original building.

In 1956 a new gymnasium was built off to the north side of the school building. Roy Guthrie was trustee when this building was erected.

THE FT. RITNER SCHOOLS

First Ft. Ritner School

The people living in the Ft. Ritner neighborhood were first served by the Wildcat School. It was located about a mile north of the present town of Ft. Ritner on the head of Wildcat branch or creek that runs along the east edge of the town. The school house was somewhat to the east of the Cole Wicker home. The exact location was in the west half of the S.W. quarter section 10 town 4 north range 2 east. The land was deeded for school purposes by William and Sarah Foster on June 9, 1855. The deed is recorded in deed book R on page 302. This school served the people in this vicinity until about 1858.

Second Ft. Ritner School

The town of Ft. Ritner was laid out and platted on May 29, 1857. On July 20, 1858, Edwin B. Fanning deeded to Robert Stewart, Thomas Smith, and Francis M. Lemon, (trustees of Bono Township) lots No. 112-113-114 in the town of Ft. Ritner for school purposes. At this time, the south part of Ft. Ritner was in Bono Township, and the north end was in Flinn Township. These lots were just north and west of the W. A. Holland store. This deed is recorded in deed book T on page 128. This school as well as the preceding one were one-teacher schools. This building served the people of Ft. Ritner until about 1883.

Third Ft. Ritner School

On November 26, 1883, Martin L. and Mary M. Dixon deeded for ten dollars a part of the S.E. quarter of section 15 town 4 north range 2 east, containing one and one half acres for school purposes. This deed is recorded in deed book 15, page 449. This two-story school building stood upon the hillside just slightly west and north of the Harry Wedding place as of 1956. This building served for school purposes until 1911.

Fourth Ft. Ritner School

On September 30, 1910, McHenry Owens as commissioner versus Solon Wilcox and Henry Dowling deeded lots No. 83-84-85 and 86 in block F of the town of Ft. Ritner for school purposes. This was a two-room building with both rooms on

the ground floor. This building served the people of the community until 1951 when all schools of the township were consolidated at Tunnelton. The Ft. Ritner school was the last one to join the consolidation. The deed for the land for this fourth school building is recorded in deed book No. 59 on page 490. The first three of the Ft. Ritner buildings have been torn down and removed from their original site. The fourth building was converted into a dwelling. Arvil Williams was living in it in 1956.

Little or nothing is known regarding the teachers of the two first Ft. Ritner schools, but a partial list of these last two schools are as follows:

	Principal	Primary
1892-1893	Howard Chess	Minnie Luedtke
1893-1894	John E. Pace	Dot Murphy
1894-1895		
1895-1896	W. E. Alexander	Carrie Allen
1896-1897	Rufus E. Pinnick	Carrie Holland
1897-1898	Norman Freeman	Carrie Todd
1898-1899	Ula R. Lee	Carrie Allen
1899-1900	Mary Brown	Della Guthrie
1900-1901	Mary Brown	Lina Jeffries
1901-1902	Mary Brown	Lina Jeffries
1902-1903	Marshall Woolery	Lina Jeffries
1903-1904	J. S. Godwin	Frank Ray
1904-1905	Grace Wilkerson	Ella Beaver
1905-1906	Nellie Standiford	Bessie Lynn
1906-1907	Nellie Standiford	Torrence Guthrie
1907-1908	Carrie Allen	Efa Mahorney
1908-1909	Torrence Guthrie	Efa Mahorney
1909-1910	O. E. Dixon	Nellie Standiford
1910-1911	Quincy Short	Mamye Wilking
1911-1912	Arthur Cornwell	Efa Mahorney
1912-1913	Arthur Cornwell	Efa Mahorney
1913-1914	Arthur Cornwell	Efa Mahorney

For the remaining teachers see the lists by years toward the end of this booklet.

THE LEESVILLE SCHOOLS

The first school in the county was organized at Leesville by Alfred Landgon, an Irish monk, in 1814. He held classes in the homes of the settlers. He conducted school in this manner in the settlement until 1817. In 1817, he left

Leesville and organized the second school in the county on the farm of James Conley who had settled a short distance west of what later became the little tunnel on the B & O Railway. Mr. Conley was the first person to enter land in that portion of the county that later became Guthrie Township, and his children made up about half of the school. Mr. Conley and his neighbors had built a log school building before they engaged Mr. Landgon to organize the school. The above information is taken from the pages of the Orange, Lawrence, and Washington counties history published about 1884.

In the same year the people of Leesville erected a log school house on the spot that later became lot 4 of Holland's addition to the town. The John Holland addition to the town was made on April 11, 1861, and consisted of forty-four building lots, besides one acre of ground for a common school and a two-acre plot for a high school.

This log house that was built in 1818 served the Leesville community until some time during the Civil War. Some time during the Civil War the people constructed a frame school building on the acre of ground provided by Mr. Holland in his addition to the town. This frame building served for a common school until about 1892.

In 1857 a stock company was organized and shares were sold for the purpose of building a high school in Leesville. In 1858 the building was completed at a cost of five thousand dollars.

This building consisted of two study rooms and a recitation room. Students came from miles around and other settlements to attend this school, and for many years the school was in a flourishing condition. Two hotels were built to house the students who came from a distance.

Some of the early teachers of this school were Ben Maxwell, W. L. Boston, J. M. Stalker, L. W. Johnson, R. W. and Albert May, W. T. Branaman, and D. H. Ellison, who later became county superintendent.

By 1883 other high schools had been built in the county, and the attendance fell so low at Leesville that the school was discontinued, and the building stood vacant until 1892. At this time, Joe B. Flinn, township trustee, bought it for four dollars per share. The shares had originally sold for

twenty dollars per share.

The school children were now transferred from the old frame building to the high school building, and the frame building was sold to Thomas Thompson. This high school building was used for common school purposes until 1948 when the Leesville School was consolidated with Tunnelton. However, on March 11, 1910, this old brick building burned, and the K of P Hall was used for school purposes until the building could be rebuilt. The new building was completed in 1911, and school was resumed on the old site. A short time after this building ceased to be used for school purposes, it was taken over by the people of the community and used as a Community Center Building. The names of the earlier common school teachers of this community have long since passed into oblivion. A few of the later teachers in the old frame building, and most of the teachers in the old brick High School building were as follows:

1885-1886		
1886-1887		
1887-1888	Laura Lemon	
1888-1889	Bess Duncan	These teachers taught in the
1889-1890	Robert Thompson	old frame building
1890-1891	William Consalus	
1891-1892		
1892-1893	Dove McHargue	
1893-1894		
1894-1895	John E. Pace	
1895-1896	Charles Shirley	
1896-1897	Howard Chess	
1897-1898	Cora Allen	
1898-1899	Henry Harrell	

	Principal	Primary
1899-1900	Henry Harrell	Bette Pate
1900-1901	A. E. Hutchinson	Susie Gilstrap
1901-1902	A. E. Hutchinson	Belle Pate
1902-1903	A. E. Hutchinson	Maud Hobbs
1903-1904	Perry Richards	Burilla Crabb
1904-1905	Perry Richards	Grace Owens
1905-1906	Sylvanus Jackson	Edith Mitchell
1906-1907	Grace Bergdoll	May Burton
1907-1908	Emory Hutchinson	Etta Wever
1908-1909	C. E. Crawford	Ocie Mathews
1909-1910	C. E. Crawford	Georgia Lane
1910-1911	Genevieve Flinn	Fenevieve Flinn
1911-1912	Lillian Patton	Bessie Fields
1912-1913	Elizabeth Standiford	Ethel Glover
1913-1914	Wendell George	Ethel Glover
1914-1915	Wendell George	Dessie Thomas
1915-1916	A. E. Wever	Ethel Brown

For remainder of Leesville teachers, see the annual lists toward the end of this booklet.

The old frame building had been a one-teacher school. In 1892 the old frame building was sold and the students were transferred to the two-room brick building, but the school continued to operate as a one-teacher school until 1899. In 1910-1911 while the new building was under construction, Genevieve Flinn taught all grades in the one room of the K. of P. Building.

THE PINHOOK SCHOOLS

The first school of the Pinhook locality was held in the log building that stood just west and slightly north of the store. In still later years, the fourth old abandoned Pinhook schoolhouse was bought by Richard Myers, and moved and annexed to the old log building that served as the first Pinhook School. Both buildings continued to serve as a country store. In 1955 Thomas Root bought both buildings. He tore the log building down and converted the frame building into a dwelling house.

Inasmuch as there is no record in the recorder's office of this first log school house, it must have been a subscription school, and taught by whoever owned the place. The pupils came to school one or two at a time, and as soon as the teacher heard them recite their lessons they went home, and others came later and recited and went home. The date of the starting of this school is not known, but as Andrew Speer, who was born in 1829, went to this school the date of its establishment must have been during the early 1830's or earlier.

On February 21, 1842, James Cooper deeded for school purposes a parcel of land lying in the N. E. quarter of section 6 town 4 north range 2 east. A complete description of this parcel of land may be found in deed book P on page 49. This school building stood just a little distance north and west of the Othymer Crawford home as of 1955. Leonard Crawford had previously owned this place, and he used the abandoned old log school house as a sheep-shed. This was the second Pinhook School.

On February 2, 1855, Jesse and Mary Allen, (my grandparents), deeded one half acre for the third Pinhook School. This half acre was in the west half of the N. W. quarter of section 6 town 4 north range 2 east. This half acre was in the exact corner of the S. W. angle formed by the junction of two roads a half mile or so east of the older Pinhock Church. The deed for this half acre is recorded in deed book R on page 302.

On September 1, 1880, Leonard and Elizabeth Crawford deeded one half acre for the fourth Pinhook School. This one half acre was in the S. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of section 6 town 4 north range 2 east. The deed for this

tract is recorded in deed book No. 12 on page 276. This building stood just beyond the angle of the road just east and across the road from the W. O. Gilstrap barn as of 1956.

Very little is known concerning the teachers of the first three Pinhook Schools, but following is a list of all the teachers who taught in this fourth building and the years in which they taught.

1881-1882	Lydia Pickle	1895-1896	Chester Faris
1882-1883	Margaret Dixon	1896-1897	Daily Ray
1883-1884	George Dodds	1897-1898	Chester Faris
1884-1885	Isom Phipps	1898-1899	Bessie Allen
1885-1886	Margaret Dixon	1899-1900	Ralph Whitted
1886-1887	Margaret Dixon	1900-1901	Ralph Whitted
1887-1888	Eithel Ray	1901-1902	Emma Beaver
1888-1889	James Dixon	1902-1903	Nellie Standiford
1889-1890	James Dixon	1903-1904	Torrence Guthrie
1890-1891	Fernando Wesner	1904-1905	C. E. Crawford
1891-1892	Fernando Wesner	1905-1906	M. E. Allen
1892-1893	Fred Shirley	1906-1907	Carrie Allen
1893-1894	Ara Palmer	1907-1908	M. E. Allen
1894-1895	Edward Consalus	1908-1909	M. E. Allen
		1909-1910	Permanently abandoned

THE FOSTORIA SCHOOL

On September 20, 1833, Edward Johnston and Robert Carlton deeded 1.7 acres for the Fostoria School. A full description of this land and its location may be found in deed book D, page 195. It was in the western part of the S. E. quarter of sec. 9, town 4 north, range 1 east. The building and grounds were just slightly to the west of the Charlie Crane barn as of 1956, and just across the road to the south from the home of William Mattox as of 1956.

Very little is known about the earliest teachers of this school, but included below is a poem in which Laura Thomas, a former pupil of this school, comments on some of the early teachers. But these teachers mentioned by Mrs. Thomas were not the earliest, for she was not born until 1869.

MY TEACHERS
(Composed by Laura Thomas)

Do all of us remember
The old Fostoria School,
Where once we studied lessons,
And learned the Golden Rule.
The place is full of memories,
Where in youth we all were found,
But ne'er again we'll meet there
It's burned down to the ground.

Of teachers I remember,
The first was Ellen Day
Who has been gone this long, long while,
To Kansas, far away.
And then came Sallie Owens,
The dearest and the best,
But she has gone still farther
Into Eternal Rest.

The next was Gus. A. Huston
We were afraid of him;
His eyes so keen and piercing
Could look so stern and grim.
But when we knew him better,
We learned to fear him not;
But he, too, has left us
To fill a grassy plot.

The next was Geo. E. Mitchell,
A man of sterling worth,
Does he all of us remember
In his wanderings o'er the earth?
And then John W. Harris
Who was our neighbor's son,
Came as a later teacher
And now his race is run.

And dear old Florence Younger!
We met the other day;
She cherishes the old times,
Our studies and our play
The last year I attended
Was under Carrie Sallee,
She did her best to train us
She was a sister to me.

Amongst those, who came later
I'll mention just a few
Dock Short and Fern E. Murphy
And Andy Wesner too
John Ellison, Arthur Beaver,
Chet Faris, Ula Lee.
Those happy days departed
Ne'er to return to me.

So here's a tear in memory
Of youth's bright happy day,
They will be cherished ever
Till we reach the parting way.

All the teachers listed below taught at the Fostoria School between the years of 1875 and 1895. The dates for some may be wrong, but they all taught one or more terms during these years.

1875-1876	Ellen Day
1876-1877	Ellen Day
1877-1878	Sallie Owens
1878-1879	Gus A. Huston
1879-1880	Gus A. Huston
1880-1881	George E. Mitchell
1881-1882	George E. Mitchell
1882-1883	John W. Harris
1883-1884	John W. Harris
1884-1885	Florence Younger
1885-1886	Florence Younger
1886-1887	Carrie Sallee
1887-1888	Carrie Sallee
1888-1889	Fern E. (Dot) Murphy
1889-1890	Dr. Richard Short
1890-1891	Andy Wesner
1891-1892	Andy Wesner
1892-1893	Lilly Short
1893-1894	Lilly Short
1894-1895	John Ellison
1895-1896	John Ellison

Below are listed a few of the later day teachers together with the years in which they taught.

1896-1897	Chester Faris
1897-1898	Ula R. (Dude) Lee
1898-1899	Arthur Beavers
1899-1900	M. E. Allen
1900-1901	J. S. Godwin
1901-1902	J. S. Godwin
1902-1903	C. E. Crawford
1903-1904	Anastacia Burke
1904-1905	Nellie Fitzgibbons
1905-1906	Mamie Allen
1906-1907	C. E. Crawford
1907-1908	Elma Dixon
1908-1909	Lola Hoopingarner
1909-1910	Arthur Cornwell
1910-1911	Arthur Cornwell
1911-1912	Clarence Hutchinson
1912-1913	Harry Ellison
1913-1914	Clarence Hutchinson
1914-1915	C. M. Dobson
1915-1916	C. M. Dobson

For the remaining teachers of this school see annual lists toward the end of this booklet. During the year 1923-1924, this building burned. Glen Wever, who was teaching the school

that year, finished the term in the Buddha Church. A new building on a new site was built in 1924 to take care of both the Fostoria and Selby schools. This new two-room building was known as the Buddha School.

THE DENNISTON SCHOOLS

I judge that the first school to serve this locality was not known by the name of Denniston.

On April 20, 1839, George Flinn and his wife, Jane Flinn, deeded one acre for school purposes. This acre of ground was in the S. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of section 29 town 5 north, range 2 east. This deed is recorded in deed book G on page 322. Shortly thereafter, John Weaver and his wife, Polly Weaver, deeded an addition to this school lot. This deed is recorded in deed book F on page 619.

On December 11, 1856, the trustees of Flinn Township gave a quit claim deed to John A. Plummer for one and 3/4 acres lying in the S. W. corner of the N. E. quarter of section 29 town 5 north, range 2 east. This deed is recorded in deed book S on page 269. Inasmuch as the second school in this locality had been built in 1855, this school lot was not longer needed by the township. None of the oldest people to whom I have talked have any knowledge of this first school building in section 29. This school building was just slightly over one half mile due south east from the second school building in this locality.

The Second School Which Was Called Denniston

On February 2, 1855, James Denniston and his wife, Caroline (Allen) Denniston deeded one half acre of land for the Denniston School. This ground was in the N. W. corner of the N. W. quarter of section 29 town 5 north, range 2 east. A complete description of this land may be found in deed book R on page 294.

Absolutely nothing is now known concerning the teachers of this first school in section 29, and since the second school was built more than a hundred years ago, the names of all the early teachers of this school have passed into oblivion. However, a few of the later day teachers are still remembered by some of the older people. Below is found the names of a few of the teachers that taught in the later years of this school, and the years in which they taught.

1882-1883 Lydia Batman
1883-1884 Robert Ellison
1884-1885 Hannah Allen
1885-1886 Emma Williams

1886-1887 William Allen
1887-1888 Alonzo C. Burton
1889-1890 Sampson Beavers
1890-1891 Sampson Beavers
1891-1892 Laura Scott
1892-1893 Thomas Jackson
1893-1894 Thomas Jackson
1894-1895 Minnie Luedtke
1895-1896 Sampson Beavers
1896-1897 Susie Gilstrap
1897-1898 Sampson Beavers
1898-1899 Susie Gilstrap
1899-1900 Willis Holiman
1900-1901 Maud Hobbs
1901-1902 Bessie Crabb & Ralph Whitted
1902-1903 Belle Pate
1903-1904 Belle Pate
1904-1905 Sampson Beavers & Hugh Thompson
1905-1906 Harvey Guthrie
1906-1907 Etta Wever
1907-1908 Mary Clements
1908-1909 Henry Speer
1909-1910 Henry Speer
1910-1911 Gilderoy Wolfe
1911-1912 Genevieve Flinn
1912-1913 Lottie Crawford
1913-1914 A. E. Wever
1914-1915 A. E. Wever

For the later teachers of this school see annual lists toward the end of this booklet.

THE SHILOH SCHOOL

On June 12, 1897, Walter O. and Kate Thomas deeded one acre more or less for the Shiloh School. This land was in the west half of the N. E. quarter of section 2 town 4 north range 1 east. A more complete description and location of this land may be found in deed book No. 34 on page 265. The building was erected by Robert Ingle during the term of James Sallee as trustee. The first and earlier of the teachers are as follow:

1897-1898 Walter Guthrie and Sadie Young
1898-1899 Lina Jeffries
1899-1900 Torrence Guthrie
1900-1901 M. E. Allen
1901-1902 Cragie Norman
1902-1903 Stafford Godwin
1903-1904 George Terry
1904-1905 John Clendennin
1905-1906 Nellie Fitzgibbons
1906-1907 Elma Dixon
1907-1908 Hauled to Tunnelton by Charlie Hultz
1908-1909 Hauled to Tunnelton by Mansel Guthrie

1909-1910 M. E. Allen
1910-1911 Pearl Crane
1911-1912 Pearl Crane Cundiff
1912-1913 Annis Crawford
1913-1914 Annis Crawford
1914-1915 Annis Crawford

For the remainder of the Shiloh Teachers, see lists appearing later in this booklet.

This school was permanently abandoned in 1932-1933 and the children were hauled to the Tunnelton School. Alta Mae Wever taught the last term in this school in 1931-1932. Some two years after this school was abandoned, it was sold to Opal O. Dixon, who reworked the building into a dwelling. Daniel Jenkins owned this house, and was living in it in 1956.

THE TUNNEL HILL SCHOOLS

On December 4, 1837, Jacob Mullis deeded the land for the first Tunnel Hill School. This land bordered on the line between sections 16 and 21, and was just a short distance removed from the site of the second Tunnel Hill School. The deed for this school lot was recorded in deed book F on page 411.

On June 5, 1882, Joseph P. & Elizabeth Allen deeded the land for the second Tunnel Hill School. This land was in the east side of the south half of the S. W. qr. section 16 town 4 north range 2 east. The deed for this land was recorded in deed book No. 14 on page 163.

In 1887 the building that was built on this location was jacked up, and placed on two log wagons and hauled about one and one fourth miles south to a new location located in the north central part of section 28.

The teachers of the Tunnel Hill School in so far as they are known are as follows:

1883-1884 Joe L. Dixon
1884-1885 Nellie Ramsey
1885-1886 Nellie Ramsey
1886-1887 Ida Fountain
1887-1888 Thomas J. Reid
1888-1889
1889-1890
1890-1891
1891-1892 Ephriam Freed
1892-1893 Clara Robertson
1893-1894 Minnie Luedtke
1894-1895
1895-1896 Andy Wesner & Harry Montgomery

1896-1897	Judie Dixon
1897-1898	Telia Luedtke
1898-1899	M. E. Allen
1899-1900	Bessie Allen
1900-1901	Goldie Simpson
1901-1902	Nellie Standiford
1902-1903	Maud Hobbs
1903-1904	Mamie Allen
1904-1905	Torrence Guthrie
1905-1906	Morrell Simpson & Efa Mahorney
1906-1907	Fred Root
1907-1908	Fred Root
1908-1909	Arthur Cornwell
1909-1910	Alice Cornwell
1910-1911	Elizabeth Standiford
1911-1912	Carrie Allen
1912-1913	Noble Hubbard
1913-1914	Delbert Stephenson
1914-1915	Ellen Horner

For the remainder of Tunnel Hill teachers, see lists appearing later in this booklet.

THE ROOT SCHOOL

In 1910 Harvey P. and Sarah A. Root deeded one and one half acres for the Root School. This land was located in the N. E. qr. of the S. E. qr. Sec. 4 town 4 north range 2 east. This deed was recorded in deed book No. 59 on page 412. This school was on the Ft. Ritner and Leesville road, just a short way north and on the opposite side of the road from the Willie Wilcox place as of 1956. The teachers of this school were as follows:

1910-1911	Anna Gerkin
1911-1912	Flora Mahorney
1912-1913	Flora Mahorney
1913-1914	Lottie Crawford
1914-1915	Harrison Hobbs
1915-1916	Harrison Hobbs & Clyde Montgomery.

For the remainder of the teachers of this school, see lists appearing later in this booklet.

Some few years previous to the building of this school, the attendance fell so low at the Needmore and Ditney Schools that they were both abandoned. The Needmore was a short distance north of the Root location, and the Ditney School was a somewhat greater distance to the northwest. This school was built to take care of the increasing population in these two localities and the locality to the south.

THE FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

On June 9, 1855, William and Mary Speer deeded the land for the Fairview School. This land was in the N. E. fourth of the N. E. quarter of section 17 town 5 north range 2 east, and was on the north side of the Bloomington Road. This deed was recorded in deed book R on page 408.

Some of the later day teachers of this school were as follows:

1899-1900	O. E. Dixon
1900-1901	Sampson Beavers
1901-1902	Lawrence Maher
1902-1903	Leona Gratzer
1903-1904	Lawrence Maher
1904-1905	Nora Black
1905-1906	Mollie Roberts
1906-1907	Albert Kiplinger
1907-1908	Albert Kiplinger
1908-1909	Fred Root
1909-1910	Fred Root
1910-1911	Lillian Patton
1911-1912	M. E. Allen
1912-1913	M. E. Allen
1913-1914	Gladys Bergdoll
1914-1915	M. E. Allen

For the remainder of the teachers of this school, see lists appearing later in this booklet.

THE SELBY SCHOOL

I have failed to find in the Recorder's office record of any deed that was ever made for the Selby School location. It was built on the section line that divides the N. W. qr. of section 14 and the N. E. qr. of section 15 town 4 north range 1 east.

Inasmuch as the school lot was just large enough for two buildings, and located just off the turn of the road probably no deed was ever made for this small piece of ground.

It could be possible, but is doubtful, that this plot of ground was the plot on which James Conley and his neighbors built the log school house in 1818. (See history of the Leesville Schools)

The first Selby school house was made of hewn logs, and it served the community for a great number of years. Around 1890 this log building was torn down, and a frame building was erected in its place. The Selby building was

converted into a dwelling. Elbert Holt owned and was living in it in 1956.

I have contacted a few people beyond their three score and ten, that went to school in this old log building, but none of them had any idea as to when it was first built. All they could say was that it was an old building when they first started to school. Below is a list of some of the later day teachers of this school.

1880-1881	Thomas Neideffer
1881-1882	
1882-1883	
1883-1884	
1884-1885	
1885-1886	
1886-1887	
1887-1888	
1888-1889	Josie Dixon
1889-1890	Josie Dixon
1890-1891	
1891-1892	Jennie Chitty
1892-1893	John Harris
1893-1894	Carrie Guthrie
1894-1895	Ula R. Lee
1895-1896	Judie Dixon
1896-1897	Oliver Guthrie
1897-1898	Homer Ingle
1898-1899	Homer Ingle
1899-1900	Arthur Beavers
1900-1901	O. E. Dixon
1901-1902	Torrence Guthrie
1902-1903	Ella Beavers
1903-1904	Ella Beavers
1904-1905	Sarah Fields
1905-1906	C. E. Crawford
1906-1907	M. E. Allen
1907-1908	Maud Ingle
1908-1909	Carrie Allen
1909-1910	Ira Brim
1910-1911	A. E. Wever
1911-1912	A. E. Wever
1912-1913	A. E. Wever
1913-1914	M. E. Allen
1914-1915	Clyde Montgomery
1915-1916	Bessie Thomas

For the remainder of the Selby teachers, see lists appearing later.

THE DITNEY SCHOOL

Like the Selby School, I have failed to find record of any deed that was made for the land on which the Ditney School was built, but inasmuch as it was built on ground between the intersection of the Grindstone Hollow road and the main road through the Ditney locality, it might be that no deed was ever made for this school lot. The school was

located in the S. E. portion of the N. E. qr. section 8 town 4 north range 2 east. Many of the homestead grants in this neighborhood date back to the late 1820's and early 1830's, so the school might have been built shortly after this time. For a few years after the Ditney School was abandoned, this old school building was used as a dwelling for some years, but was eventually torn down.

Below is a list of some of the later day teachers of this school.

1889-1890	Andy Wesner
1890-1891	Carrie Sallee
1891-1892	William Consalus
1892-1893	William Consalus
1893-1894	Edward Consalus
1894-1895	Ula (Dude) Lee
1895-1896	O. E. Dixon
1896-1897	Walter Guthrie
1897-1898	Oliver Guthrie & Charlie Mason
1898-1899	Della Guthrie
1899-1900	Lina Jeffries
1900-1901	Daisy Speer
1901-1902	Ella White
1902-1903	Emma Beavers & Grace Edwards
1903-1904	C. E. Crawford
1904-1905	Mamie Allen
1905-1906	Torrence Guthrie
1906-1907	Efa Mahorney
1907-1908	Permanently abandoned. Remaining children were transported to the Tunnelton School

THE BUDDHA SCHOOL

During the school year 1923-24, the Fostoria School burned and the term was completed by using the Buddha Church. During the summer of 1924, a two-room building was built at Buddha. The Selby School was then abandoned and the children were transferred to the new Buddha School along with the pupils from Fostoria.

On July 19, 1924, Frank and Lurana Cockerham deeded the three acres more or less for the Buddha School. The deed was recorded in Deed Book No. 81, page 270.

This school was abandoned in 1948 and the pupils transported to Tunnelton. The teachers of the school are found in the annual lists which follow.

LISTS OF LATER TEACHERS OF GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

The names and dates of the teachers in the succeeding lists have been copied from official records, so they should be correct. However, these official records made no note of any replacements that took the place of teachers that died or resigned during the term. In a few cases I have supplied the names of these replacement teachers, but I think that there are others that I have not been able to supply.

Three of these schools were added to Guthrie Township by the partition of Flinn Township in 1911. These schools were the Denniston, Fairview, and Leesville Schools. Guthrie Township continued to operate these schools for a number of years. The Needmore School location was also taken over, but Guthrie Township never operated this school, so I have not included it. It was abandoned prior to 1911.

1914-1915

L. B. Sanders
Co. Supt.

1.	Ralph Wood	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Olive Johnson	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Chester I. Hunter	High School Tunnelton
4.	Carrie Allen	Room 2 Tunnelton
5.	Gladys Richards	Room 1 Tunnelton
6.	Arthur Cornwell	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
7.	Efa Mahorney	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
8.	Wendell George	Room 2 Leesville
9.	Dessie Thomas	Room 1 Leesville
10.	Clyde Montgomery	Selby
11.	C. M. Dobson	Fostoria
12.	Annis Crawford	Shiloh
13.	Harrison Hobbs	Root
14.	A. E. Wever	Denniston
15.	M. E. Allen	Fairview
16.	Ellen Horner	Tunnel Hill

1915-1916

L. B. Sanders
Co. Supt.

1.	O. P. Sutherland	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Ethel Stephens	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Carrie Allen	Room 3 Tunnelton
4.	Annis Crawford	Room 2 Tunnelton
5.	Efa Mahorney	Room 1 Tunnelton
6.	M. E. Allen	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
7.	Florence Wever	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
8.	A. E. Wever	Room 2 Leesville
9.	Ethel Brown	Room 1 Leesville
10.	Dessie Thomas	Selby
11.	C. M. Dobson	Fostoria
12.	Helen Thomas	Selby

1915-1916 (cont.)

*13.	Harrison Hobbs	Root
14.	Louis Huddleston	Denniston
15.	Lester Lowery	Fairview
16.	Ellen Horner	Tunnel Hill

*Owing to ill-health Harrison Hobbs resigned some time during 1915-1916, and Clyde Montgomery finished the school term.

1916-1917 L. B. Sanders
Co. Supt.

1.	C. R. McNabb	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Sibyl Wever	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Annis Crawford	Room 3
4.	Elsie Hoopingarner	Room 2
5.	Efa Mahorney	Room 1
6.	Clarence Dowling	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
7.	Florence Wever	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
8.	Carrie Allen	Room 2. Leesville
9.	Lela Robertson	Room 1. Leesville
10.	Dessie Thomas	Selby
11.	A. E. Wever	Fostoria
12.	M. E. Allen	Shiloh
13.	Ethel Brown	Root
14.	Louis Huddleston	Denniston
15.	Lester Lowery	Fairview
16.	Smith Beavers	Tunnel Hill

1917-1918 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

1.	R. H. Beldon	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Annis Crawford	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barket	High School Tunnelton
4.	Florence Wever	Room 2
5.	Efa Mahorney	Room 1
6.	Clarence Dowling	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
7.	Lela Robertson	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
8.	A. E. Wever	Room 2. Leesville
9.	Ocie Scott	Room 1. Leesville
10.	Lester Lowery	Fostoria
11.	M. E. Allen	Shiloh
12.	Belle Fields	Root
13.	Smith Beavers	Denniston
14.	Carrie Allen	Fairview
15.	Mabel Gyger	Tunnel Hill
16.	Pupils hauled away	Selby

1918-1919 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

1.	R. H. Beldon	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Annis Crawford	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barker	High School Tunnelton
4.	Florence Wever	Room 2
5.	Lela Robertson	Room 1
6.	Clarence Dowling	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
7.	Lodema Harris	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
8.	Smith Beavers	Room 2. Leesville
9.	Ocie Scott	Room 1. Leesville
10.	Essie Horner	Selby
11.	Lester Gilstrap	Fostoria
12.	A. E. Wever	Fairview
13.	M. E. Allen	Shiloh
14.	W. O. Gilstrap	Root
15.	Mary Clements	Denniston
16.	Orville Root	Tunnel Hill

1919-1920 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

1.	Thomas E. Kern	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Annis Crawford	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barker	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
5.	Lela Robertson	Room 1
6.	Cecil Webb	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
7.	Essie Horner	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
8.	Glen Wever	Room 2. Leesville
9.	Bernice Sallee	Room 1. Leesville
10.	Lodema Harris	Selby
11.	Mary Gowan	Fostoria
12.	Clarence Dowling	Shiloh
13.	Gladys Allen	Root
14.	Lester Gilstrap	Denniston
15.	Grace Mitchell	Fairview
16.		Tunnel Hill temporarily abandoned

1920-1921 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

1.	L. L. Martin	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Thomas E. Kern	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Maud Custer	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
5.	Lela Robertson	Room 1
6.	Arthur Fortner	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
7.	Fannie Fortner	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
8.	Glen Wever	Room 2. Leesville
9.	Bernice Sallee	Room 1. Leesville

1920-1921 (cont.)

10.	Fay Allen	Selby
11.	Gladys Allen	Fostoria
12.	Grace Mitchell	Shiloh
13.	Lodema Harris	Root
14.	Essie Horner	Denniston
15.	Lloyd Speer	Fairview
16.	Temporarily abandoned	Tunnel Hill

1921-1922 — W. C. Roberts, Co. Supt.

1.	J. F. Evans	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Thomas E. Kern	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Birdie Custer	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 3
5.	Lela Robertson	Room 2
6.	Gladys Allen	Room 1
7.	Glen Wever	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
8.	Martha Ingle	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
9.	Lloyd Speer	Room 2. Leesville
10.	Noble Gilstrap	Room 1. Leesville
11.	Clyde Ingle	Selby
12.	Essie Horner	Fostoria
13.	Fay Allen	Shiloh
14.	Grace Mitchell	Root
15.	Orin Flinn	Denniston
16.	Walter Crawford	Fairview
17.	Noble Lee	Tunnel Hill

1922-1923 — W. C. Roberts, Co. Supt.

1.	J. F. Evans	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Thomas E. Kern	Ass't Principal Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barker	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 3
5.	Fay Allen	Room 2
6.	Gladys Allen	Room 1
7.	Glen Wever	Room 2. Ft. Ritner
8.	Elisha Simpson	Room 1. Ft. Ritner
9.	Ronald Brooking	Room 2. Leesville
10.	Martha Ingle	Room 1. Leesville
11.	Orville Root	Selby
12.	Forest Ingle	Fostoria
13.	Walter Crawford	Shiloh
14.	Noble Gilstrap	Root
15.	Edwin Williams	Denniston
16.	W. O. Gilstrap	Fairview
17.	Noble Lee	Tunnel Hill

1923-1924 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

*1.	J. F. Evans & R. E. Ponsler	Principals Tunnelton
2.	Thomas E. Kern	Ass't Prin. Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barker	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 3
5.	Clyde Ingle	Room 2
6.	Ruth Brewer	Room 1
7.	Orville Root	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	Vera Allen	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Clarence Hutchinson	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Anna McPike	Room 1 Leesville
11.	Noble Gilstrap	Selby
12.	Glen Wever	Fostoria
13.	Walter Crawford	Shiloh
**14.	Gladys Allen	Root
15.	Edwin Williams	Denniston
16.	Noble Lee	Fairview
17.	W. O. Gilstrap	Tunnel Hill

*Mr. Evans died during the term and Mr. Ponsler finished the year.
**Ray Rosenbaum finished the term at Root School this year.

During the year the Fostoria school burned, and Glen Wever finished the term in the Buddha Church. During the summer of 1924, the two-room building was built at Buddha. It took care of Fostoria and Selby.

1924-1925 W. C. Roberts
Co. Supt.

1.	J. C. Hedges	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Annis Crawford	Ass't Prin. Tunnelton
3.	Ruth Barker	High School Tunnelton
4.	M. E. Allen	Room 3
5.	Edwin Williams	Room 2
6.	Ruth Brewer	Room 1
7.	Noble Lee	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	May Hert	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Chester E. Shepherd	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Ruth Bair	Room 1 Leesville
11.	Glen Wever	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Vera Allen	Room 1 Buddha
13.	Walter Crawford	Shiloh
14.	W. O. Gilstrap	Denniston
15.	Ella Gilstrap	Fairview
16.	Ellen Faris	Tunnel Hill
17.	Anna McPike	Root

In 1924 a two-room building was built at Buddha, and Fostoria and Selby schools were combined.

1925-1926 — Luther Ferguson, Co. Supt.

1.	J. C. Hedges	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Thomas Kern	Ass't Prin. Tunnelton
3.	Annis Crawford	High School Tunnelton
4.	Edwin Williams	Room 3
5.	Glen Wever	Room 2
6.	Bernice Martin	Room 1
7.	Noble Lee	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	May Hert	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Pearl Scott	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Bethel Wade	Room 1 Leesville
11.	M. E. Allen	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Vera Allen	Room 1 Buddha
13.	Walter Crawford	Shiloh
14.	Ellen Faris	Fairview
15.	Ella Gilstrap	Root
16.	W. O. Gilstrap	Denniston
17.	Elsie Lucas	Tunnel Hill

1926-1927 — Luther Ferguson, Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Thomas E. Kern	Ass't Prin. Tunnelton
3.	Annis Crawford	High School Tunnelton
4.	Glen Wever	Room 3
5.	Myrtle Lucas	Room 2
6.	Bernice Martin	Room 1
7.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	May Hert	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Pearl Scott	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Kathryn Crawford	Room 1 Leesville
11.	M. E. Allen	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Vera Allen	Room 1 Buddha
13.	Vernon Crane	Root
14.	Ellen Faris	Fairview
15.	W. O. Gilstrap	Shiloh
16.	Mildred Haley	Tunnel Hill
17.	Persie O. Ward	Denniston

1927-1928 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Clyde Ingle	High School Tunnelton
3.	Annis Crawford	High School Tunnelton
4.	Mrs. Voyle D. Roland	High School Tunnelton
5.	Glen Wever	Room 3
6.	Vera Allen	Room 2
7.	Bernice Martin	Room 1

1927-1928 (cont.)

8.	Vernon Crane	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
9.	Marie Lee	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
10.	M. E. Allen	Room 2 Leesville
11.	Kathryn Crawford	Room 1 Leesville
12.	May Hert	Room 2 Buddha
13.	Mary Brooking	Room 1 Buddha
14.	Grace Brooking	Shiloh
15.	Lucile Dixon	Root
16.	Trellah Glover	Fairview
17.	Asher Guthrie	Tunnel Hill
18.	Persie O. Ward	Denniston

1928-1929 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Clyde Ingle	High School Tunnelton
3.	Mrs. Voyle D. Roland	High School Tunnelton
4.	Mrs. Edith Lehman	High School Tunnelton
5.	William Barnhart	Junior High
6.	Vernon Crane	Room 2
7.	Kathryn Crawford	Room 1
8.	Marie Lee	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
9.	Catherine Embree	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
10.	Armonia Highfill	Room 2 Leesville
11.	Persie O. Ward	Room 1 Leesville
12.	Grace Brooking	Room 2 Buddha
13.	Bernice Martin	Room 1 Buddha
14.	Mary Brooking	Shiloh
15.	Lucile Dixon	Fairview
16.	Trellah Glover	Root
17.	Luella Massena	Denniston

Fairview and Denniston were both permanently abandoned after 1928-1929.

1929-1930 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	F. F. Shaffer	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Clyde Ingle	High School Tunnelton
3.	Donovan Allen	High School Tunnelton
4.	Annis Crawford	High School Tunnelton
5.	Nellie Merrill	High School Tunnelton
6.	William Barnhart	Junior High
7.	Vernon Crane	Room 2
8.	Garnett Barnhart	Room 1
9.	Marie Scoopmire	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Catherine Embree	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Trellah Glover	Room 2 Leesville
12.	Persie O. Ward	Room 1 Leesville

1929-1930 (cont.)

13.	Armonia Highfill	Room 2 Buddha
14.	Mary Brooking	Room 1 Buddha
15.	Grace Brooking	Shiloh
16.	Elizabeth Zenor	Root

1930-1931 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	Everett Wiley	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Clyde Ingle	High School
3.	Donovan Allen	High School
4.	Bessie Bridges	High School
5.	Madge Crane	High School
6.	Vernon Crane	Junior High
7.	Harriet Ingle	Room 2
8.	Catherine Crane	Room 1
9.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Dessie Moon	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	W. O. Gilstrap	Room 2 Leesville
12.	Grace Brooking	Room 1 Leesville
13.	John Kern	Room 2 Buddha
14.	Mary Brooking	Room 1 Buddha
15.	Armonia Highfill	Shiloh
16.	Elizabeth Zenor	Root

Root school was abandoned after 1930-1931.

1931-1932 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	Everett Wiley	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Arthur Fortner	High School Coach
3.	Donovan Allen	High School
4.	Madge Crane	High School
5.	Lena McClung	High School
6.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 2
7.	Trellah Glover	Room 1
8.	Clarence Hutchinson	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
9.	Dessie Moon	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
10.	W. O. Gilstrap	Room 2 Leesville
11.	Grace Brooking	Room 1 Leesville
12.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2 Buddha
13.	Mary Brooking	Room 1 Buddha
14.	Alta May Wever	Shiloh

Shiloh school was abandoned after 1931-1932.

1932-1933 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	Randall Inman	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Arthur Fortner	High School Coach
3.	Donovan Allen	High School
4.	Madge Crane	High School
5.	Lena McClung	High School
6.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 2
7.	Trellah Glover	Room 1
8.	Edwin Williams	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
9.	Dessie Moon	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
10.	Glen Wever	Room 2 Leesville
11.	Adda Hert	Room 1 Leesville
12.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2 Buddha
13.	Alta May Wever	Room 1 Buddha

1933-1934 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	Randall Inman	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Arthur Fortner	High School Coach
3.	Donovan Allen	High School
4.	Lena McClung	High School
5.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2
6.	Mary Ellen Wicker	Room 1
7.	Edwin Williams	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	Dessie Moon	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Glen Wever	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Adda Hert	Room 1 Leesville
11.	William Wright	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Trellah Glover	Room 1 Buddha

1934-1935 — Ralph Watson, Co. Supt.

1.	Claude E. Trindall	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Arthur Fortner	High School Coach
3.	Thomas E. Ellison	High School
4.	Lena McClung	High School
5.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 2
6.	Mary Ellen Wicker	Room 1
7.	Glen Wever	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	Dessie Moon	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	W. O. Gilstrap	Room 2 Leesville
10.	Mary Brooking	Room 1 Leesville
11.	William Wright	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Trellah Glover	Room 1 Buddha

1935-1936 — Ralph Watson, Co. Supt.

1.	Claude E. Tindall	Principal Tunnelton High School
2.	Thomas Ellison	High School Coach
3.	Ola Paul Thorne	High School
4.	Lena McClung	Room 2
5.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 1
6.	Mary Brooking	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
7.	Glen Wever	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
8.	Trellah Glover	Room 2 Leesville
9.	William Scharbrough	Room 1 Leesville
10.	Mary Ellen Wicker	Room 2 Buddha
11.	W. O. Gilstrap	Room 1 Buddha
12.	Elizabeth Zenor	

1936-1937 — Clyde Ingle, Co. Supt.

1.	Claude E. Tindall	Principal Tunnelton High School
2.	O. O. Dixon	High School
3.	Alma McIlree	High School
4.	Marie Van Horn	High School Coach
5.	Everett Brown	Room 2
6.	Lester Gilstrap	Room 1
7.	Mary Brooking	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
8.	Glen Wever	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
9.	Trellah Glover	Room 2 Leesville
10.	William Scharbrough	Room 1 Leesville
11.	Ruth Douglas	Room 2 Buddha
12.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1 Buddha
13.	Helen Winklepleck	

1937-1938 — Clyde Ingle, Co. Supt.

1.	W. C. Roberts	Principal Tunnelton High School
2.	Everett Brown & Andy Layman	High School Coaches
3.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
4.	Marie Van Horn	High School
5.	Alma McIlree	High School
6.	Glen Wever	Room 2
7.	Mary Brooking	Room 1
8.	William Wright	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
9.	Trellah Glover	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
10.	William Scharbrough	Room 2 Leesville
11.	Ruth Douglas	Room 1 Leesville
12.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 2 Buddha
13.	Clarice Highfill	Room 1 Buddha

1938-1939 Clyde Ingle
Co. Supt.

1.	W. C. Roberts & Thomas E. Kern	Principals Tunnelton
2.	Earnest Barnes	High School Coach
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
5.	Frances Mathes	High School
6.	Marie Van Horn	High School
7.	Glen Wever	Room 2
8.	Trellah Glover	Room 1
9.	W. O. Gilstrap	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Elizabeth Zener	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Paul F. Hobbs	Room 2 Leesville
12.	Ruth Douglas	Room 1 Leesville
13.	William Scharbrough	Room 2 Buddha
14.	Della Bridwell	Room 1 Buddha

1939-1940 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Earnest Barnes	High School Coach
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Thomas E. Kern	High School
5.	Portia B. Pope	High School
6.	Ina L. Wood	High School
7.	James Malott	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	William Wright	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Virginia Faris	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Paul F. Hobbs	Room 2 Leesville
12.	Mary A. Jackson	Room 1 Leesville
13.	Robert Wilcox	Room 2 Buddha
14.	Byse Ellen Todd	Room 1 Buddha

1940-1941 O. O. Hall
Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Earnest Barnes	High School Coach
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Mary P. Graham	High School
5.	Thomas E. Kern	High School
6.	Ina L. Wood	High School
7.	James Malott	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	William Wright	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Virginia Faris	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Paul Hobbs	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Robert Wilcox	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1941-1942 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Earnest Barnes & Woodrow Baker	High School Coaches
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Thomas E. Kern	High School
5.	Dorothy Marshall	High School
6.	Marie Van Horn	High School
7.	William Wright	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	William H. Waggoner	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Virginia Faris	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Mary Rominger	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Robert Wilcox	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1942-1943 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Madge Crane	High School
3.	Nell B. Crider	High School
4.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
5.	Dorothy Marshall	High School
6.	Marie Van Horn	High School
7.	William Wright	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	Grace B. Dixon	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Velma S. Wiley	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Mary Rominger	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Della Bridwell	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1943-1944 — O. O. Hall, Co. Supt.

1.	H. B. Henderson	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Elizabeth Barksdale & Helen Collier	High School
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
5.	Lela Robertson	High School
6.	William Wright	High School
7.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	Grace B. Dixon	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Zula Brooking	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Mary Rominger	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Della Bridwell	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1944-1945 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Ronald Brooking	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Zola Cambron	High School
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
5.	Lela Robertson	High School
6.	William Wright	High School
7.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
8.	Elizabeth Zenor	Room 1
9.	Grace B. Dixon	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Della Bridwell	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Mary Rominger	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Virginia Bennett	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1945-1946 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Ronald Brooking	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Ina Wood	High School
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
5.	Phillip Guy & Vinton Mack	High School
6.	William Wright	High School
7.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
8.	Nanna Cuningham	Room 1
9.	Jennie Spray	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
10.	Zula Brooking	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
11.	Ellen Hobson	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
12.	Mary Rominger	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1946-1947 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Ronald Brooking	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Madge Crane	High School
3.	Lester Gilstrap	High School
4.	Mary Godfrey	High School
5.	Nell Merrill	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
9.	Zula Brooking	Room 1
10.	Ivan Uland	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
11.	Mary Rominger	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
12.	Clara Holiman	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
13.	Virginia Bennett	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1947-1948 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Ronald Brooking	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Mary Godfrey	High School
3.	Russel Jackson	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Lela Robertson	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	M. E. Allen	Room 2
9.	Zula Brooking	Room 1
10.	Rosalia Underwood	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
11.	Blanche Mayden	Room 1 Ft. Ritner
12.	Mary Roach	Rooms 2 & 1 Leesville
13.	Mary Jackson	Rooms 2 & 1 Buddha

1948-1949 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Ronald Brooking	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Mary Moore	High School
3.	Robert Moore	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Rachel Kellams	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Brownie Green	Grades 5 & 6
9.	Ellen Hobson	Grades 3 & 4
10.	Elizabeth Zenor	Grade 2
11.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1
12.	Rosalia Underwood	Room 2 Ft. Ritner
13.	Blanche Mayden	Room 1 Ft. Ritner

The Leesville school and the Buddha school were abandoned this year, and the pupils transported to Tunnelton.

1949-1950 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	L. A. Mundy	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Mary Moore	High School
3.	Robert Moore	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Lucile Thompson	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grades 5 & 6
9.	Ellen Hobson	Grades 4 & 3
10.	Elizabeth Zenor	Grades 3 & 2
11.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1
12.	Andrew Tharp	Rooms 2 & 1 Ft. Ritner

1950-1951

Howard Gee
Co. Supt.

1.	L. A. Mundy	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Robert Moore	High School Coach
3.	Madge Crane	High School
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	James Maxon	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grades 5 & 6
9.	Jennie Spray	Grades 4 & 5
10.	Ellen Hobson	Grades 3 & 4
11.	Goldie Maher	Grade 2
12.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1
13.	Andrew Tharp	Ft. Ritner

1951-1952

Howard Gee
Co. Supt.

1.	L. A. Mundy	Principal Tunnelton
2.	Luann Farkas	High School
3.	Paul Hardwick	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Erle L. Oldridge	High School
6.	Ina Wood	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grades 6 & 7
9.	Jennie Spray	Grades 5 & 6
10.	Ellen Hobson	Grades 4 & 5
11.	Virginia Bennett	Grades 2 & 3
12.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1
13.	Irene Freed	Ft. Ritner

This was the last year for the Ft. Ritner School, the last of the separate schools operated for a particular community in the township. The following year marked the beginning of complete consolidation. The following lists of teachers are for Guthrie Township Consolidated School as was carved in stone over the entrance at the time of the latest addition to the building in 1950.

1952-1953

Howard Gee
Co. Supt.

Guthrie Township Consolidated School

1.	L. A. Mundy	Principal
2.	Agnes Watson	High School
3.	Ira Morrison	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Erle L. Oldridge	High School
6.	Dulcie Rachels	High School

1952-1953 (cont.)

7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Ralph Burris	High School
9.	Rosalia Underwood	Grades 6
10.	Fannie Corey	Grades 3 & 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 4
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grades 2 & 3
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1953-1954 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	L. A. Mundy	Principal
2.	LaVerne Cobb	High School
3.	Ira Morrison	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Erle Oldridge	High School
6.	Dulcie Rachels	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grades 5 & 6
9.	Fannie Corey	Grade 4
10.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
11.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
12.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1954-1955 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Robert Tirey	Principal
2.	LaVerne Cobb	High School
3.	Bernard Martindale	High School Coach
4.	James Malott	High School
5.	Erle Oldridge	High School
6.	Imogene Skeen	High School
7.	William Wright	High School
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grade 6
9.	Edith Williams	Grade 5
10.	Fannie Corey	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1955-1956 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Arthur Fortner	Principal
2.	Erle Oldridge	Music & English
3.	Robert Rowe	Coach
4.	W. O. Gilstrap	Math
5.	Lula Langley	Commerce
6.	Iola Nelson	Grades 7,8, & English
7.	Ethel Beaty	Home Ec.
8.	Rosalia Underwood	Grade 6

9.	Ruth Gilstrap	Grade 5
10.	Ollis Adams	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1956-1957 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Virgil Freeman	Principal, Soc. St.
2.	Russell Jackson	Coach, Biology
3.	Erle Oldridge	Music, English
4.	Mary Ann Blunk	Home Ec., Phys. Ed.
5.	Lela Robertson	Commerce, History
6.	Constance Wielandt	English, Library
7.	W. O. Gilstrap	Math., History
8.	Merritt Maxwell	Grade 6
9.	Ruth Gilstrap	Grade 5
10.	Ivy Freeman	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Gertrude Hudson	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1957-1958 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	I. M. McFadden	Principal
2.	Russell Jackson	Coach & Phys. Ed.
3.	Barbara Hoover	Home Economics
4.	Wilbur Gilstrap	Mathematics
5.	Carolyn Duncan	Commerce
6.	Erle Oldridge	English & Music
7.	Merritt Maxwell	Grade 6
8.	Bessie Robbins	Grade 5
9.	Olive Ward	Grade 4
10.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
11.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
12.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1958-1959 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Russell Jackson	Principal, English
2.	Hubert Fry	Coach, Soc. St.
3.	Erle Oldridge	Music, Latin, Eng.
4.	Mary Stipp	Home Ec., Phys. Ed.
5.	Carroll Rumble	Commerce
6.	Jean McCan	Science, History
7.	W. O. Gilstrap	Mathematics
8.	Merritt Maxwell	Grade 6
9.	Bessie Robbins	Grade 5
10.	Olive Ward	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1959-1960 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Russell Jackson	Principal
2.	Hubert Fry	Coach & Soc. St.
3.	Robert Patrick	Science
4.	Julia Jackson	Commerce & Phys. Ed.
5.	Louis Romolo	Mathematics & Music
6.	Erle Oldridge	English & Latin
7.	Virginia Woodall	Home Economics
8.	Merritt Maxwell	Grade 6
9.	Bessie Robbins	Grade 5
10.	Olive Ward	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1960-1961 — Howard Gee, Co. Supt.

1.	Russell Jackson	Principal, Biology
2.	Hubert Fry	Coach, Soc. Studies
3.	Eugene Beavers	Commerce, Math.
4.	Ruth Brown	Home Ec., Phys. Ed.
5.	James Malott	Science, Math.
6.	Erle Oldridge	English, Latin
7.	Philip Couch	Music, English
8.	Trevor Pinnick	Grade 6
9.	Glenna Beavers	Grade 5
10.	Mary Thrasher	Grade 4
11.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
12.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
13.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

1961-1962 — Wm. H. Waggoner, Co. Supt.

1.	James R. Pounds	Principal
2.	Hubert Fry	Coach & Soc. St.
3.	Mitchelene Huffman	Commerce & English
4.	Patricia Snyder	Home Ec. & Phys. Ed.
5.	James Malott	Science & Math
6.	Erle Oldridge	English & Latin
7.	Howard Hutton	Science & History
8.	Fred Schmidt	Music
9.	Trevor Pinnick	Grade 6
10.	Jay Wilson	Grade 5
11.	Suzanne Smith	Grade 4
12.	Ellen Hobson	Grade 3
13.	Virginia Bennett	Grade 2
14.	Zula Brooking	Grade 1

GENERAL SUMMARY OF BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS OF SCHOOLS

Beginnings

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tunnelton	1855	1880	1910	1930	1950	1956
Leesville C	1814	1818	1863	1892	1911	
Leesville H	1858	(High School ended in 1883)				
Ft. Ritner	1855	1858	1883	1910		
Pinhook	1830's	1842	1855	1880		
Tunnel Hill	1837	1882	1887			
Denniston	1839	1855				
Fostoria	1833					
Fairview	1855					
Selby	?					
Ditney	?					
Shiloh	1897					
Root	1910					
Buddha	1924					

Column 1. Beginning year for each school

Column 2, 3, etc. Date of change of location and addition to building or re-building if underlined.

Endings

	Last Teacher	Final Year
Ditney	Efa Mahorney	1906-1907
Pinhook	M. E. Allen	1908-1909
Fostoria	Glen Wever	1923-1924
Selby	Noble Gilstrap	1923-1924
Tunnel Hill	Asher Guthrie	1927-1928
Fairview	Lucile Dixon	1928-1929
Denniston	Luella Massena	1928-1929
Root	Elizabeth Standiford	1929-1930
Shiloh	Alta May Wever	1931-1932
Leesville	Mary Roach	1947-1948
Buddha	Mary Jackson	1947-1948
Ft. Ritner	Irena Freed	1951-1952

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

1.	William B. Chrisler	1872
2.	J. P. Funk	1873-1874
3.	William B. Chrisler	1874-1877
4.	Edward Thornton	1877-1881
5.	William B. Chrisler	1881-1883
6.	David Ellison	1883-1889
7.	F. B. Hitchcock	1889-1891
8.	G. M. Norman	1891-1897
9.	W. E. Stipp	1897-1906
10.	Ralph N. Tirey	1906-1911
11.	L. B. Sanders	1911-1917
12.	W. C. Roberts	1917-1925
13.	Luther Ferguson	1925-1927
14.	Ortha O. Hall	1927-1933
15.	Ralph Watson	1934-1936
16.	Clyde Ingle	1936-1939
17.	Ortha O. Hall	1939-1945
18.	Howard Gee	1945-1961
19.	Wm. H. Waggoner	1961-

TRUSTEES OF GUTHRIE TOWNSHIP

1.		
2.		
3.		
4.	James H. Malott	1879-1883
5.	Scott Jones	1883-1887
6.	James Wesner	1887-1891
7.	Wm. P. Holland	1891-1895
8.	James Sallee	1895-1901
9.	George Dodds	1901-1905
10.	Noble Malott	1905-1909
11.	Andy Dodds	1909-1915
12.	Noble Malott	1915-1919
13.	Charles Henderson	1919-1927
14.	Fred Crane	1927-1931
15.	Alfred Wesner	1931-1935
16.	Harry Thomas	1935-1939
17.	Charles Henderson	1939-1942
18.	Louis Ingle	1942-1943
19.	Calvin Shirley	1943-1947
20.	W. O. Guthrie	1947-1955
21.	Roy Guthrie	1955-1959
22.	Lawrence Baker	1959-

GRADUATES OF TUNNELTON HIGH SCHOOL

1911 (2)
Flora Mahorney
Bessie Fields

1912 (3)
Annis Crawford
Lottie Crawford
Noble Hubbard

1913 (1)
Bessie Hoopingarner

1914 (4)
Clarence Dowling
Ellen Horner
Dessie Thomas
Clyde Montgomery

1915 (9)
Ethel Brown
Louis Huddleston
Helen Thomas
Charles Crawford
Lester Lowery
Nola Allen
Anna Barlow
Roy Montgomery
Smith Beavers

1916 (4)
Grace Mathis
Harley Allen
Elsie Hoopingarner
Maude Johnson

1917 (4)
Paul Fullen
Ocie Scott
Belle Fields
Ellis Mahorney

1918 (7)
Orville Root
Essie Horner
Lodema Harris
Lester Gilstrap
Wilbert Gilstrap
John Mitchell
Nettie Brumfield

1919 (10)
Walter Crawford
Arvil Guthrie

1919 (cont.)
Bernice Martin
Grace M. Guthrie
Theron Huddleston
Gladys Allen
Truly Thomas
Glen Wever
Bernice Wever
Ray Rosenbaum

1920 (5)
Ada Link
Curtis Link
Fay Allen
Hubert Guthrie
Lizzie Rosenbaum

1921 (10)
Noble Lee
Norma A. Allen
Audrey F. Flinn
Orin Flinn
May Harris
Grace Hall
Clyde Ingle
Marie Lee
Forrest Sallee
Martha Ingle

1922 (5)
Ronald Brooking
Edwin Williams
Forrest Ingle
Clifford Reed
Elisha Simpson

1923 (10)
Ellen Faris
Charles Crawford
Dorothy Allen
Ella Gilstrap
Cleatus Allen
Harriet Neideffer
Asher Guthrie
Vera Allen
Orin Williams
Ruby Ingle

1924 (9)
Carl Flinn
Morris Dixon
Melvin Wever
Homer Dixon

1924 (cont.)
Clifford Ingle
Ernest Faris
Ozella Malott
Mary Nichols
Margaret Speer

1925 (13)
Ivy Riley
Ruth Green
Edna Brown
Dolores Brewer
Vernon Crane
Kathryn Crawford
Donovan Allen
Rachel Faris
Louise Mathis
Wilbur Ribelin
Roy Neideffer
Walter Thomas
Stanley Worthington

1926 (9)
Grace Brooking
Mary Brooking
Gertrude Mitchell
Lawrence Harris
Robert Williams
Lucile Dixon
Madge Crane
Marie Dixon
Lucile Clark

1927 (4)
Opal Dixon
Gordon Brooking
Kenneth Ingle
Ruth Martin

1928 (5)
Thelma Ribelin
Harry Boling
Allegra Henderson
Herschel Bennett
Pauline Kimbley

1929 (15)
Ruth Nichols
Herman Haws
Roy Ingle
Loniel Ingle
Huston Crawford
Anna May Faris

1929 (cont.)
Carl Guthrie
Mildred Flinn
Margaret Haws
Hervey Flinn
Elta May Wever
Beulah Wesner
Stella Ollis
Audrey Whitted
Stanley Cooper

1930 (8)
Louis Roberts
Helen Starr
Mary Brown
Mary Ellen Rosenbaum
Catherine Batman
Howard Allen
Emil Cecil
Elizabeth Waggoner

1931 (25)
Roy Whitted
Von Clevie Weddle
Harold Ingle
Louis Ingle
William Wright
Ruth Sheeks
Gladys Wesner
James Malott
Alfred Case
Barney Riley
Harold Bennett
Ralph Young
Calvin Shirley
Wilma Sallee
Gladys Williams
Doris Crane
Huston Allen
Medford Boyles
Winnora Wilcox
Alta May Wright
Kathleen Wright
Pauline Brooking
Ethel Nichols
Flavie Bright
Bernie Brown

1932 (11)
Ellen Marie Case
Robert Dixon
Dorothy Rosenbaum
Jennie Guthrie
Joseph Helton
Howard Lemen

1932 (cont.)
Wilma Fay Wicker
Martha Rosenbaum
Arthur Jerrell
Mary Ellen Wicker
Edith Stephenson

1933 (21)
Frank Sallee Jr.
Marie Johnson
Hattie Harris
Vivian Cecil
Richard Ingle
Rowena Ingle
Claris Highfill
Robert Nichols
James Horner
John Zenor
William Scharbrough
Durward Beasley
Maude Hughes
Raymond Martin
John Roberts
Mary Alice Wright
Verna Flinn
Jennie Johnson
Charles Boyles
Lawrence Guthrie
June Baugh

1934 (5)
Lawrence Wever
Bruce Collier
Harold Stephenson
Verla Ollis
Inez Speer

1935 (13)
Leland Williams
Kenneth Cecil
Ruth Thomas
Paul Hobbs
William Wever
Laurel Beasley
Lora Brooking
Herschel Kern
John Kimbley
Roy Sheeks
Robert Wilcox
Marie Guthrie
Bonnie Wright

1936 (17)
Mary Jane Zenor
Leabert Boyles

1936 (cont.)
Alberta Lysinger
Frank Earl
James Dixon
Winfred Guthrie
Mildred Haws
Mary Jane Ingle
Ester Kimbley
Ella Mae Nichols
Roy Phillips
Mary Sheeks
Forrest Waggoner
Charles Bright
Jack Runyan
Ina Wright
Olive Case

1937 (5)
Winfred Dixon
Robert Douglas
James Eisle
Ruth Speer
George Smith

1938 (11)
Richard Bennett
Herbey Flinn
Marcella Flinn
Francis Jean
Herschel Glover
Roy Guthrie
Mary Ellen Lee
Paul McAfee
Arthur Sallee
Carlton True
Harold Williams

1939 (11)
Dora Belle Wray
Vernon Haws
George Horner
Laverne Horner
Ruth Wever
Clyde Mathews
Jasper McKeiagg
Ethel Thomas
Maurice Trisler
Raymond Wever
Oren Hamer Wilcox

1940 (22)
Margaret Allen
Ralph Bennett
Dorothy Box
Oleta Brown

1940 (cont.)
Lois Crane
Ida Dixon
Catherine Howe
Henry Flinn
Warren Hobson
Mary Hoggatt
Melvin Horner
Lee Franklin Jean
Lillian Lee
Marie Mathis
Helen Nichols
Maxine Waggoner
John McQueary
Winfred Phillips
Marjorie Roberts
Rebecca Rosenbaum
Norman Stewart
Lois Whitted

1941 (20)
Mary Pickett
Henry Brooking
Dorothy Beavers
Lucile Ingle
Mary E. McIntyre
Wilma McIntyre
William Henry Peed
Leo Wynn
William Garrison
Carl Green
Barbara Wilcox
Robert Wright
Robert Phillips
Roy Horner
Beulah Williams
Robert Childers
Mildred Wray
Sybil Calloway
John Wever
Loren McAfee

1942 (17)
Lemuel Bennett
Marie Collier
Muriel Dalton
Wilbur Everhart
Betty Jane Glover
Elmer Hoggatt
Martha Kimbley
David Leatherman
Vernon Mathews
Clyde Rosenbaum
Irene Sherfick
Robert Stewart

1942 (cont.)
Donald True
Clyde Whitted
John Wicker
George Wilcox
Gerald Green

1943 (16)
Ruby Maud Dixon
Marian Fields
Robert Gilstrap
Clydie Goen
Mary Ellen Jean
James Kindred
Charles Daniel Lee
Donna Lee
Mary Ellen Johnson
Max Mathis
Robert Sallee
Randall Waggoner
Maggie Ellen Wesner
Vernon Wray
Jean Wynn
Ralph Flinn

1944 (14)
Raymond Baugh
Betty Lou Fields
Anna Mary Harris
Mary Ellen Hayes
Dorothy Marie Horner
Betty Jean Lee
Helen Louise Lee
James McIntyre
George O. Pickett
Fred Root
Charles Sherfick
Chester Talbott
Nona Wever
Elizabeth Wray

1945 (8)
Lucile Batchelor
Stanley Childers
Iva Collier
Nadine Crane
Marjorie Fishel
Anne Goen
Margaret F. Ollis
Wilma Williams

1946 (6)
Kathleen Cecil
Harland Harris
Joyce Hayes

1946 (cont.)
Kathryn Ingle
Dorothy Lee
Betty Lou Phillips

1947 (17)
Mary E. Bennett
June Mathis
Jack Sallee
Mary Rose Dixon
Corrine Hoggatt
Reed Hobson
Haden Crane
Irma Williams
Robert Wever
Barbara Gilstrap
Robert Stephens
Gene Horner
Harold Payton
Ralph Fields
Ernest Horner
Rex Wright
Thomas Hunsucker

1948 (12)
Herman Allen Jr.
Lee Bevers
Mary Jane Box
William Case
Mary Goldsberry
Joe Hanson
Eloise Hoggatt
Jack Horner
Phyllis Horner
Raymond Horner
Wanda Ollis
Irvin Williams

1949 (13)
Elsie Batchelor
Joan Crawford
Claude Earl
Dorothy Earl
Pauline Earl
Catherine Flinn
Geneva Flinn
Fred Harris
Carrol Mathis
Wayne Lee Jr.
Clyde Mitchell Jr.
Joyce Payton
Mary Alice Shaff

1950 (15)
Herman Collier
Dean McIntyre
Dale Stephens
Barbara Horner
Oleta Brown
Marie Brown
Wanda Speer
Jesse Reed Jr.
Bill Mattox
Dick Sallee
James Whitted
Robert Brown
Raymond Earl
Helen Goen
William Wever

1951 (15)
Mary Ann Wilcox
Ruth Collier
Joan Bush
Jane Bush
Betty Shaff
Clyde Flinn
Logan Lee
David Boyles
Mike Dorsett
June Dalton
Iva Elmore
Dorothy Batchelor
Mary Rose Gilstrap
Rebecca Jean
Willa Mathis

1952 (14)
James Burton Wesner
Janet McGath
Jean Mattox
Thomas J. Beavers
Sue Shirley
Nancy Payton
Jerry Lee Ingle
Patricia J. Cunningham
Mary Ruth Ingle
Jo Anne Brown
Geneva Allen
Juanita Gilstrap
John McGath
Doris M. Short

1953 (10)
Larry Roberts
June Sallee
John Thomas Hobson
Mary Horner

1953 (cont.)
Donald Hughes
Robert Shaff Jr.
Paul Dean Tincher
Phillip Lindsey
Gloria E. Smith
Henry Cook

1954 (13)
Bonnie Gilstrap
Rosalie Horner
Virgil Shaff
Bonnie Chase
Thomas Dixon
Nancy Shirley
Sammie Short
Rachel Cook
Thomas McGath
Janet Payton
Jerry Roberts
Floy Payton
Dana Hodges

1955 (15)
Darlene Speer
Lonis Brock
Rilda Bennett
Anneta Shirley
Norman Gerkin
Kenny Staggs
Sue Roberts
Joyce Wilcox
Billy Riley
James Roberts
Ernest Baliff
Leland Crane
Sharleen Pate
Irvin Collier

1956 (13)
Ronald Chase
Carl Lynn
Frank Brown
James Archer
Lowell Jenkins
Melvin Hutchinson
Eugene Clark
Marietta Hoggatt
Patty Brooking
Norma Bevers
Judy McGath
Harry Cook
Marvin Garrison

1957 (14)
Jerry L. Brock
Alva Brown Jr.
Patty R. Brown
Harry C. Clark
Ruth A. Cook
Larry R. Flinn
Betty J. Gilstrap
Wanda Hoggatt
Graden Johnson
Donald Lee
Don G. Roberts
Lee V. Tincher
Linda L. Wever
Kay Wood

1958 (16)
Brenda J. Sherfick
Wanda L. Shirley
Melba L. Gunter
Loretta M. Brown
William B. Wright
Wanda R. Beavers
Patricia J. Fender
Mary E. Beavers
Sondra L. Shirley
Jack D. Cecil
Roger De Koker
James A. Cunningham
David L. Wade
Kenneth E. Dalton
Jewell K. Dorsett
Mary J. Payton

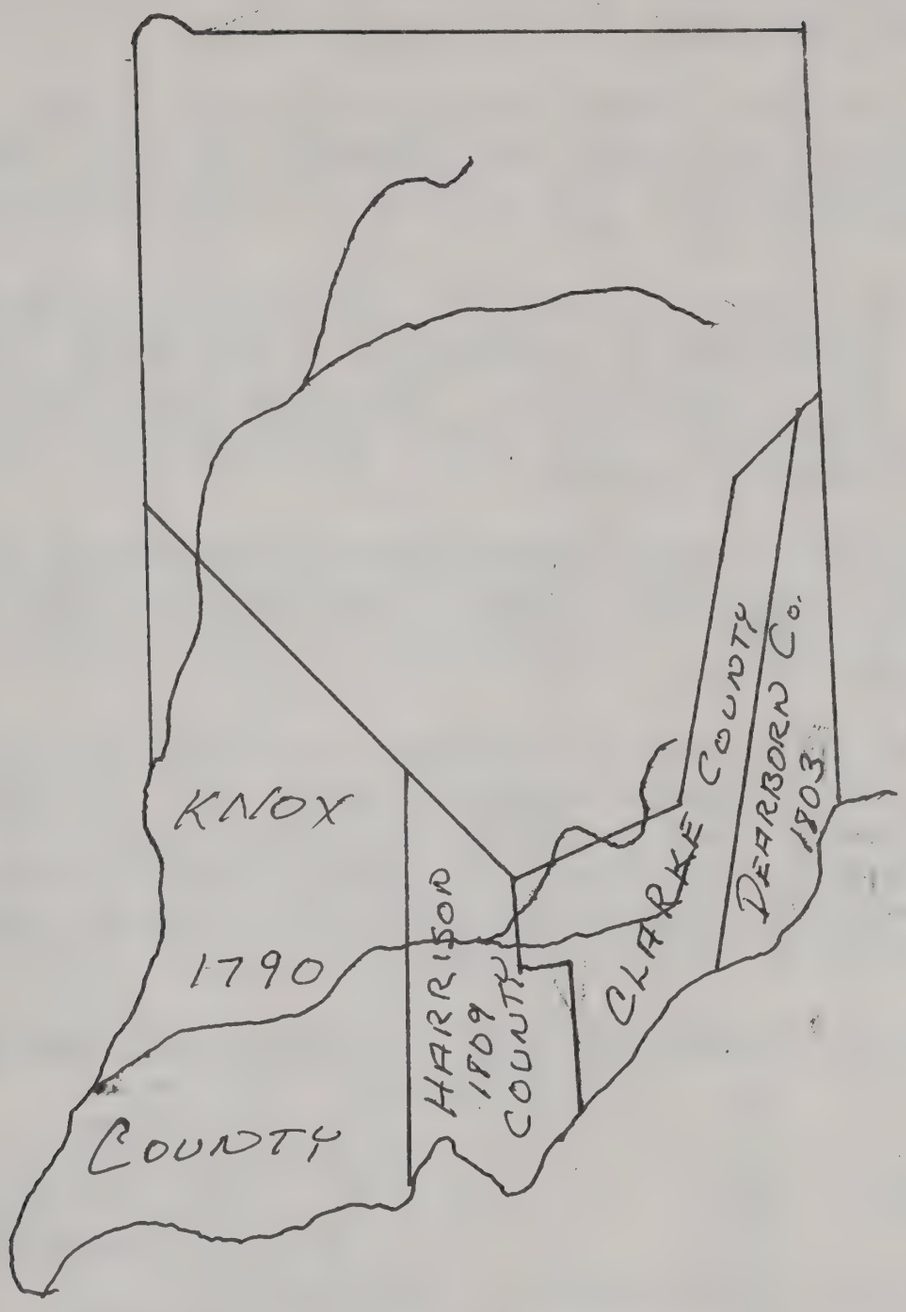
1959 (18)
Shirley S. Wilcox
Judith Marie Ingle
Donna F. Goens
Reva K. Watts
Linda C. Hughes
Carol L. Roberts
Olive L. Hutchison
Ruth A. Howell
Sue E. Stephenson
Hettie M. Wray
Larry M. Short
Norman J. McGath
Nelson E. Lee
Jerry A. McGath
Frankie R. Sallee
William E. Staggs
Robert F. Root Jr.
Willard Johnson

1960 (13)
Amber Jo Beavers
Ruth C. Beavers
Ruth A. Chase
Jackie Lee Dalton
Lucille F. Elmore
Mike Fletcher
Richard I. Flinn
Cyndia L. Hollars
David L. Payton
Mary A. McKeaigg
Dewey Mills
Mary M. Sears
Janet L. Speer

1961 (18)
Robert L. Allman
Judith A. Dalton
Iva I. Beavers
Linda L. Earl
Brenda D. Fender
Romona Flinn
Jackie D. Goen
Gary D. Jean
Walter Hutchinson
Edith Johnson
Billy L. Lee
George F. Moore
Thomas V. Shirley
Brenda S. Short
William G. Shirley
Everett Stidam
John Stephenson
Max Wright

The total number of graduates of Tunnelton High School up to and including the class of 1961 is 593. It might be of interest to note how many of these graduates entered the teaching profession. From 1911 to 1924, a span of thirteen years, there were 73 graduates and 45 of them became teachers. Eighteen of these taught for twenty or more years.

From 1924 to 1932 there were 90 graduates and ten of these entered the teaching profession. Seven of them taught for over 20 years. During the next seven years from 1932 to 1939, out of 93 graduates only four became teachers and only one of them taught as long as twenty years. Since 1939 up to 1953 with 200 graduates, it is believed only one or possibly two became teachers. This analysis certainly indicates a trend even though it may not have any significance.



MAP E - Counties of Indiana in 1809

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTIES IN INDIANA

Knox and Clarke County were the first two counties organized in the state. Knox County included all the west side of southern Indiana, and Clarke County included all of the east side. These early boundaries are shown on Map E. Dearborn County as shown on Map E was known as the Gore and was originally a part of Ohio. It became a part of Indiana in 1803.

Early in 1790, Gov. Arthur St. Clair, Secretary Winthrop Sargent, and the three judges journeyed down the Ohio River. At Losantville (later Cincinnati) they stopped and organized Hamilton County, Ohio. They then journeyed down the Ohio and

into the Illinois Country and organized St. Clair County. Secretary Sargent returned by way of Vincennes and organized Knox Co. on June 20, 1790.

All three of these first counties organized in the Northwest Territory contained vast stretches of land. Knox County contained more land than did the state of Indiana that was formed at a later date.

The eastern boundary of Knox Co. extended to the Great Miami River. On the west it extended to a line drawn from Ft. Massac to the Illinois River. Then along this river to the mouth of the Kankakee. The county extended south to the Ohio River and north to Canada.

The boundaries of the thirteen counties appearing in the state in 1814 are shown on MAP F together with their populations and the number of representatives to the Constitutional Convention of 1816.

In 1821 the state had 35 counties, but there were no counties north of Marion Co. except Randolph Co. By 1836 the counties had extended to the northern-most limits of the state. The last two counties to be organized were Starke and Newton. They were both organized after 1850. Newton County organized in 1859 was the last county to be added to the state.

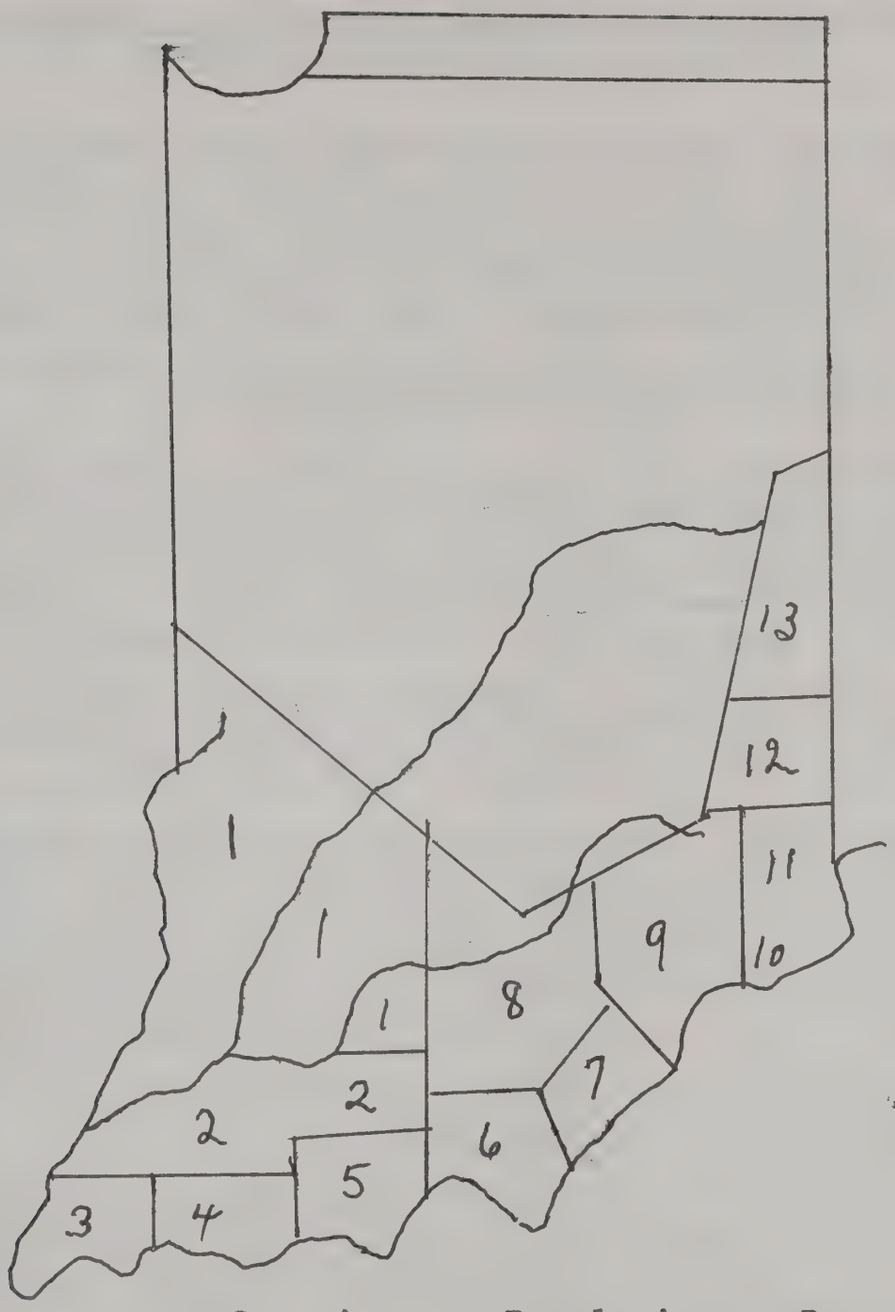
Number Churches in Indiana in 1850

1.	Methodist	795
2.	Baptist	441
3.	Presbyterian	288
4.	Christian	189
5.	Lutheran	65
6.	Catholic	63
7.	Moravian	59
8.	Friends	89

Early Towns and Date

1.	Vincennes	
2.	Clarksville	1783
3.	Lawrenceburg	1802
4.	Jeffersonville	1802
5.	Vevay	1803
6.	Georgetown	1804
7.	Corydon	1808
8.	Lexington	1810
9.	Madison	1811
10.	Petersburg	1811
11.	New Albany	1812
12.	Evansville	1812
13.	Washington	1817

MAP F COUNTIES OF INDIANA IN 1814



	Counties	Population	Representatives
1.	Knox	8,068	5
2.	Gibson	5,530	4
3.	Posey	1,619	1
4.	Warrick	1,415	1
5.	Perry	1,720	1
6.	Harrison	6,975	5
7.	Clarke	7,150	5
8.	Washington	7,337	5
9.	Jefferson	4,270	3
10.	Switzerland	1,832	1
11.	Dearborn	4,424	3
12.	Franklin	7,370	5
13.	Wayne	6,407	4
	Totals	63,897	43

SOME FEW OF THE STEPPING-STONES ALONG INDIANA'S PATHWAY OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Education and educational facilities in Indiana prior to 1850 were of a very low order. Clearing of the forests, building pioneer log-cabins, killing or capturing wild animals for food and clothing or for protection, fighting Indians and other foes, spinning and weaving cloth for clothing gave the early settlers but little time to think about book "larnin".

However, some pioneer schools were established in some portions of the state at a very early time. The first school in the state was that started at Vincennes in 1793 by M. Rivet, a French Missionary. In 1796 Isaac Potts organized the first school in Dearborn County, and in 1803 a school was organized in Clarke County. As the settlement of the state progressed, other schools were started in other counties.

These early schools were all subscription schools, and were usually started by some settler in his home. As the settlements grew in numbers, the pupils became so numerous that they could not all be accomodated in the settlers home. When this happened, the settlers all donated their time and labor and built a log school-house, and the teacher moved his school from his home into the newly built school-house.

The term of these early schools was of only about three months duration during the winter season. Each parent paid from fifty cents to two dollars a term for each pupil he sent to school.

A parent with six children of school age might subscribe to send two of his children to school. He would send two of his younger children when the weather was nice, and two of his older children during bad weather. If son John was needed at home for any purpose, his sister Mary went to school until John was no longer needed at home. When John returned to school, Mary quit for a while.

The qualification of these early teachers was left up to the employing officials. Usually the most sought qualification was for brawn and bone rather than brain, so that the teacher might be able to manage

his pupils, who were often much larger and older than he was.

Under such a manner of selecting the teacher, the teacher was often poorly qualified for the position, and he usually lasted for only a single term. However, there were some few well-qualified teachers, who stayed with the same school for a number of years.

The only subjects taught in these earliest schools were reading, writing, and spelling. At a somewhat later date, arithmetic was added to the course; and in time other subjects were added, but history and physiology were not added until 1865. Some of the earliest teachers could not teach arithmetic, but they did know how to read and write and spell.

There was no uniformity in these earliest schools. Each school was a law unto itself. But in 1833, the legislature passed an act providing for three trustees for each congressional township and for three trustees for each school district in each congressional township. These trustees now took over the building and management of the schools; but as some of them were unlearned men, their management was not always of the highest order.

This act of 1833 remained in effect until 1859 when another was passed which reduced the number of trustees for each township from three to one, and abolished the three district trustees, and provided for one director of each school district. The one officer in each case took over the duties of the three former officers. However, in a previous act of 1852, the civil township became the unit for school purposes instead of the congressional township.

There were no required qualifications of these earliest teachers, but an act of the legislature of 1837 provided for three examiners, who were to be appointed by the local court. These three examiners were to examine the teachers as to their fitness for a teacher, and to grant them a license if they deemed them competent to teach school. In 1861 the legislature passed another act, which reduced the number of examiners from three to one. This one examiner was to be appointed by the county commissioners.

Neither of these acts provided for any qualifications for these examiners, who were often more illiterate than the persons they were examining. So these two laws did little or nothing toward raising the standards of the teachers.

The examinations they gave were oral and of a very superficial character. It is related on good authority that the only question asked by one of the examiners of an applicant was, "What preparation have you made for teaching this school?" The applicant's answer was, "I have my corn all husked and my winters wood cut." This answer seemed to satisfy the examiner, so he granted him a license. The only question asked by another examiner was, "What is the product of twenty-five cents multiplied by twenty-five cents?" The applicant replied that he did not know. After wrangling back and forth they both came to the conclusion that the result might be six and one fourth cents, but neither were sure of the fact; but the applicant got his license just the same.

In 1840 Indiana had 273,784 children of school age, but only 48,180 of these children were attending school. This was less than 10 per cent. During these early years a number of elections were held at various times on the issue of having free schools supported by taxation. This move was always voted down until 1848. In the election of 1848, the total vote of the state was 140,110. Of this number, 86,541 votes were cast for free schools, and 53,569 were against free schools. Most of the people in the northern counties voted for free schools, while most of the people in the southern counties voted against the measure. Most of the opposition seems to have been directed against the taxation rather than against the free schools. St. Joseph County led all the counties in the support of this change. Ninety-three per cent of her votes were cast for free schools. Orange County was at the bottom of the list with only eight per cent of her votes being cast for free schools. Only twenty-four per cent of the vote of Lawrence County was cast in favor of the measure.

The law passed in 1849 gave those counties which had cast a negative vote the privilege of not starting free schools until such a time as they could secure an affirmative vote by the people.

This taxation measure passed in 1849 gave the schools a shot in the arm, and some improvements were made in the

schools after 1850; but no great improvements were made until about 1870. The first High School in the state was established at Evansville in 1850. Some of the counties had county seminaries prior to 1850, but this year marks the beginning of the High School.

In 1852 the legislature made provisions for a state superintendent of schools and a state board of education. However, a law of 1843 had made the state treasurer a state superintendent of schools; but he functioned only in financial matter relating to the schools.

In 1872 the schools were graded, and in 1873 the County Superintendent office was established. These county superintendents with the assistance of the state board of education took over the duty of licensing and supervising the teachers.

In 1865 the teacher's county institute was established, and in 1873 the teacher's township institute began to operate.

During J. W. Holcombe's term as state superintendent (1883-1887) uniform courses of study and uniform examinations for country schools were established. Mr. Holcombe also started the teacher's reading circle work.

State Superintendent, Harvey M. Follette, (1887-1891) started the young people's reading circle work, and he was responsible for the law providing pay to teachers for attending township institutes.

In 1897 during David M. Geeting's term (1895-1899), our first compulsory attendance law was passed. This law provided that all children between the ages of seven and fourteen must attend school for twelve weeks each year. During Mr. Geeting's term provision was also made whereby teachers might procure a teachers license, which should be state wide instead of county wide. Mr. Geeting was also responsible for the law providing for a minimum term of six months for all schools. He also secured passage of the township high school law, and got some of them started and began the work of consolidation.

During the term of Frank L. Jones (1899-1903), a new compulsory attendance law was passed. This law provided that all children between the ages of seven and sixteen

should attend school for every day that school was in session during the year. This law was passed in 1901. Also, during Mr. Jones' term the first teacher's minimum wage law was passed. This law provided that the teacher's minimum daily wage should be computed by multiplying the general average made on his license by a number which was largely determined by his years of previous teaching. The greater the number of years of experience he had had, the greater the number that was used as the multiplier. However, whatever number was used as the multiplier, it was not possible for any teacher's daily wage to be over four dollars.

I was not able to find out the amount paid to the earliest teachers for their services, but no doubt that it was less than that paid during the later years. In 1860 the average wage was from $7.50 to $12.50 per month or less than $40.00 for a term of 3 months. In 1898 the author received $32.00 per month for teaching his first school. This amount was slowly increased over the years to 1901 when the first minimum wage law was passed. During the author's last teaching in 1948, he received more for a month's teaching than he had received for a year's teaching in 1898.

In 1905 and 1907 Fassett A. Cotton secured two state-aid laws and legislation providing for a minimum of academic training. In 1920 in a special session, the legislature passed a law fixing the teacher's minimum wage at eight hundred dollars per year. In 1921 the teacher's retirement law was made state wide. In 1923 county superintendents ceased to license teachers. After this time, all licenses were granted by state board of education on basis of academic and professional training.

GROWTH OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Year	1873	1900	1910	1920	1928
No. of High Schools	78	717	730	820	845
No. of Comm. High Schools	11	156	355	631	769
No. Pupils in High School	5,000	19,450	43,236	80,072	131,447
No. Graduated from commissioned schools		2,815	6,159	11,458	20,709

SOME FEW OF THE EARLIEST HIGH SCHOOLS

1.	Evansville	1850	16.	LaPorte	1866
2.	New Albany	1853	17.	Michigan City	1867
3.	Madison	1855	18.	Muncie	1867 B
4.	Ft. Wayne	1857	19.	Greencastle	1868 B
5.	Columbus	1859	20.	Wabash	1869
6.	Princton	1860 B	21.	Greensburg	1869 B
7.	Shelbyville	1862 B	22.	Union City	1869
8.	Terre Haute	1863	23.	Jeffersonville	1869
9.	Aurora	1863 B	24.	Edinburg	1870
10.	Logansport	1863 B	25.	South Bend	1870 B
11.	Franklin	1864 B	26.	Newcastle	1870
12.	Indianapolis	1864	27.	Noblesville	1870
13.	Lafayette	1864	28.	Seymour	1870 A
14.	Richmond	1864	29.	Valpariso	1870
15.	Vevay	1864	30.	Winchester	1870

B--Commissioned in 1873
A--Commissioned in 1874

The plan whereby High Schools might become commissioned was set up in 1873. All other High Schools of the state were established after 1869.

STATE SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

1.	William C. Larrabee	1852	18.	Fassett A. Cotton	1903
2.	Caleb Mills	1854	19.	Robert J. Aley	1909
3.	William C. Larrabee	1857	20.	Charles A. Greathouse	1910
4.	Samuel L. Rugg	1859	21.	Horace Ellis	1917
5.	Miles J. Fletcher	1861	22.	Linneaus N. Hines	1919
6.	Samuel K. Hoshour	1862	23.	Benjamin B. Burris	1921
7.	Samuel L. Rugg	1862	24.	H. Noble Sherwood	1924
8.	George W. Hoss	1865	25.	Charles F. Miller	1927
9.	Barnabas C. Hobbs	1868	26.	Roy P. Wisehart	1927
10.	Milton C. Hopkins	1871	27.	George C. Cole	1931
11.	James H. Smart	1875	28.	Floyd I. McMurray	1935
12.	John M. Bloss	1881	29.	Clement T. Malan	1941
13.	John W. Holcombe	1883	30.	Ben H. Watt	1947
14.	Harvey M. Follette	1887	31.	Dean E. Walker	1949
15.	Harvey D. Vories	1891	32.	Wilbur Young	1951
16.	David M. Geeting	1895	33.	William E. Wilson	1959
17.	Frank L. Jones	1899			

It might be of interest that Robert J. Aley taught his first school in Owen County at the age of 14, and H. Noble Sherwood was a Lawrence County product.

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